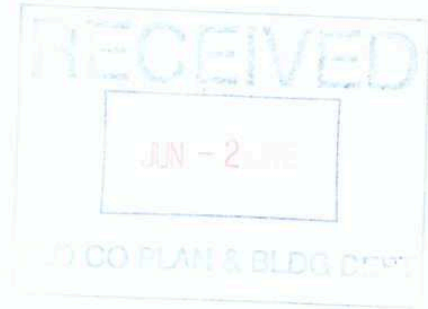


200 Lincoln Ave.
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May 30, 2015

Ms. Holly Phipps
San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408



Dear Ms. Phipps,

We support the construction of the proposed behavioral health hospital in Templeton.

We teach Family to Family classes in the county which are designed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness to inform and help families with a loved one living with mental illness. We know from our experience with these families how difficult it is for them to find appropriate treatment in our county. Many of them have had to travel countless times to visit family members who have been hospitalized outside the county because there are not enough beds in our county.

We ourselves made weekly trips for several months to Torrance when our son was hospitalized due to mental illness.

These loved ones need the close support of their families.

Particularly needed are beds for teens who have a mental illness. The proposed facility would go a long way to alleviate this situation for youth in our county who need the close support of family in their time of crisis.

As you are aware, the present 16 beds at County Behavioral Health are insufficient to serve our county's population of over 250,000. The location in Templeton in an area already being used for medical purposes is an appropriate location for a behavioral health hospital.

We hope you will support this much needed contribution to our county's over-all health needs.

Yours truly,

Madeleine Johnson
Joseph Johnson

Madeleine & Joseph Johnson

Heidi Bezaire
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Some of my family members have lived with severe mental illness for decades. We understand the importance of access to acute mental health care.

As a Family to Family Class teacher for the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), I see the desperation and powerlessness that local families experience when they are trying to get mental health acute care for their loved one, yet it is not available in our county.

Anne Robin, San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Administrator, reported recently that she was unable to serve more than 350 patients last year, many of them children. These patients had to be sent out of county to treatment facilities. This presents a challenge to those providing care and it is a strain on family members. It is very difficult for family members and loved ones to be part of treatment plans in facilities that may be in LA, Santa Rosa, San Mateo, Ventura or Santa Barbara.

We presently have 16 beds in our county to serve a population of 270,000 people. This is clearly not enough. We have an opportunity to build a facility in our county to serve the needs of the people who live here and need help. Please do everything you can to bring this facility to the residents of SLO County.

Sincerely,

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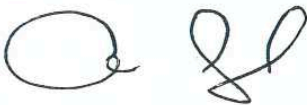
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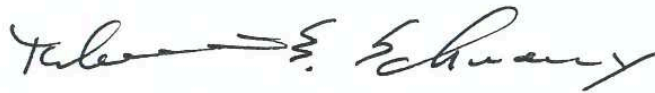
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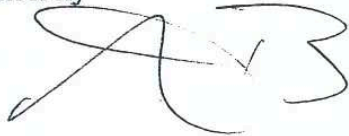
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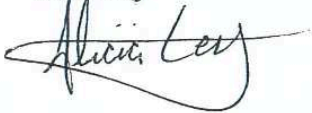
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ATTACHMENT 9

From: Vicki Shelby
To: jphillip@calpoly.edu
Cc: [Holly Phipps](#)
Subject: Fw: Proposed Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 06/08/2015 08:47 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for your comments regarding the above proposed hospital. This matter is going to be set sometime this summer by the Planning Commission, prior to coming to the Board of Supervisors. I am forwarding your comments to the County Planner for inclusion in the Planning Commission's record.

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Sent by: Vicki Shelby

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Date: 06/04/2015 01:48 PM

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Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Letter regarding proposal for psychiatric facility in Templeton
Date: 06/04/2015 08:33 AM

To whom this may concern,

My name is Jennifer Kang and I am a current resident of Templeton, Ca.

It has recently come to my attention that a large scale psychiatric facility is currently being proposed in my neighborhood. I would like to express my concern and displeasure at the thought of such an institution becoming a part of our community. With the proposal of a lockdown facility that will be accommodating thousands of potentially mentally unstable patients, I am not convinced that proper measures were taken to ensure the safety of our children who will live and play literally steps from the doors of this facility. I also believe that since the owner/developer is not a part of our community, he is more concerned with the potential to make a profit than for the long term benefit of Templeton. Additionally, since the owner has the potential to sell to a third party facility, the unknowns connected with this proposed facility far outweighs the potential benefits of this project.

The main reason my family, as well as many other families, choose to make Templeton our home is because of the small population and the sense of community and safety we feel from getting to know our fellow residents. However, a psychiatric facility with a large rotation of patients from other counties is a direct contradiction of what draws people to Templeton.

I truly urge the local leadership to disallow the building of this facility.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Kang

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Vicki Shelby
To: lvgamble@gmail.com
Cc: Holly Phipps; Frank Mecham
Subject: Re: Fw: Contact Us (response #2847)
Date: 06/02/2015 11:01 AM

Dear Ms. Gamble,

Thank you for your comments on the proposed behavioral health facility in Templeton. Currently, this matter will be going to the Planning Commission sometime this summer, so we are forwarding your comments to the County Planner handling this application for inclusion in their record.

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Name:

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):
Subject: Templeton Behavioral Health Hospital

Dear Supervisors:

Most people can agree that we need a behavioral health hospital in our county because we don't have the facilities that we need for our own residents. That's not the problem.

The problem is that this hospital (which keeps people for emergency treatment for 10 days or so) is large enough to handle two or three counties and they will have to keep their beds full to be economically viable. This means that they will be taking in people from other areas of California and since their responsibility to these patients ends at the front door, some will be left on their own after their release in Templeton.

Most patients are picked up by their families. But some will be stuck in Templeton and Templeton has no facilities to help them. The County and County Mental Health have not acknowledged their responsibility to these patients. They have no tentative plan to work with the hospital to transport these people back to their homes or home counties or to shelters or half-way houses.

You only have to look at what has happened in Ventura where they have a large behavioral health hospital (which contracts with Santa Barbara county for beds) for consequences. The homeless mental population has increased in Ventura and has decreased in Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara transports people to Ventura, but do they pick them up after treatment?

MediCal is working on or now covers mental health hospitalization. As this coverage develops, many 5150s will have insurance and CAN and WILL be treated by this hospital (as they should).

So, County Mental Health needs to step up to the plate, investigate the possible problems, provide tentative plans to address the problems (like transportation and aftercare), and reassure the residents of Templeton that they will not be left by themselves to accommodate a growing mentally ill population resulting from the addition of the hospital.

If the County can't or won't take responsibility, then the hospital needs to be limited to a size appropriate and needed for our County residents only.

Thanks,

Lynne Gamble
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Paso Robles

Letter to the Editor

The behavioral health (B.H.) field of research has exploded in knowledge and treatment options over the last 20 years. This new medical research has permanently integrated Behavioral Healthcare into the field of Primary Care medicine. Today all primary care, emergency room and Federally Qualified Health Center (CHCCC) physicians are required to screen all patients at every visit for behavioral health problems, provide a brief intervention and refer them to treatment (SBIRT). Medical schools now require whole semesters of (B.H.) education rather than the previously offered few hours or days.

The Templeton community and their TAAG team have been grossly misinformed about the definition of behavioral healthcare services. San Luis Obispo County is 40 years behind the times in education and the development of treatment options. We still believe these are “bad people who need to get good” as evidenced by the fact that the very few treatment options available are only through the doors of the courts or child welfare services. Today, we know that mental health and substance abuse disorders are organic brain diseases whose symptoms often exhibit in unhealthy behaviors, not unlike the diabetic mistaken for being under the influence when in fact their blood sugar is grossly out of balance. For years SLO County has been above state and national averages for the number of lives lost in all three categories of suicides, overdoses and accidental deaths (often people under the influence.) For the last three years our annual average for deaths due to opiate overdoses (pain medication/heroin) is 34 people, mostly men 18 – 40 in the prime of life. Every behavioral health patient affects a minimum of six family, friends and employers. These family members and friends need help, healing and hope that their loved ones will finally have this life saving treatment option as they know so well that these are “sick people who need to get well”!

TAAG owes it to the citizens of SLO County, especially in their community, to educate themselves (google: SAMHSA) then reverse their uninformed and misguided decision to oppose the Behavioral Health Hospital in our north county medical zone. The proposed state of the art treatment facility and program will bring accolades to San Luis Obispo County. We go to Stanford, Scripps or UCLA for this level of physical expertise. Our county residents should be honored to have this beautiful and progressive treatment facility available so close to home where the need is so great.

Susan L. Warren
Cambria

County Planning and Building Dept.
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps

March 18, 2015

Dear Ms. Phipps,

The impact of denying a behavioral health facility in Templeton would be negative for the entire North County. People who receive crisis intervention for a mental health issue are much less "dangerous" to the community than people who need it but don't receive it. Sufferers from depression, anxiety, addiction, PTSD, and bipolar episodes can be effectively stabilized by short-term treatment. Unfortunately, this population is often left to overburdened families, churches, homeless shelters and police who cannot provide adequate care.

My husband was unable to find any Medi-Care providers in the entire SLO County for a disabling anxiety/depression episode. He finally received excellent psychiatric treatment at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara with a five day inpatient stay.

The Peace with Justice Ministry at Community Church of Atascadero would like to cooperate with any other churches and agencies interested in providing some much-needed public education about mental health issues to help overcome the fears arising from misunderstanding.

Please vote to approve this essential short-term Mental Health facility in Templeton, or at least delay a decision until the commission and the public can learn more to hopefully counter the preliminary opposition. Another possibility is negotiating a compromise on the size of the facility.

Sincerely yours,

Sally Thomson
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ssthomson@att.net

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Vicki Shelby
To: John Klimala@aol.com
Cc: Holly Phipps
Subject: Re: Fw: Templeton Mental Health Care Hospital
Date: 05/27/2015 01:59 PM

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▼ Frank Mecham---05/26/2015 09:32:40 AM---Frank R. Mecham District 1 Supervisor

From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO
To: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 05/26/2015 09:32 AM
Subject: Fw: Templeton Mental Health Care Hospital
Sent by: Vicki Shelby

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From: JohnKlimala@aol.com
To: FMeacham@co.slo.ca.us, DArnold@co.slo.ca.us, BGibson@co.slo.ca.us,
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Cc: VShelfy@co.slo.ca.us, CMckee@co.slo.ca.us, HMiller@co.slo.ca.us,
JBrennan@co.slo.ca.us, JCaffee@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 05/25/2015 12:52 PM
Subject: Templeton Mental Health Care Hospital

John Klimala
PO Box 310
Nipomo, CA 93444

May 25, 2015

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Sincerely,

John Klimala

 Crystal Duval-Kidwell

805-434-3283 crystalkidwell@gmail.com 1582 Tanager Court, Templeton CA 93465

May 3, 2015

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phillips, Room 300

To Whom It Concerns:

I am writing this letter in regards to the Behavioral Health Hospital that may be built in Templeton. My husband and I have lived in Templeton for 27 1/2 years. I was a teacher at Templeton High School for 10 years before I retired in 2012. I not only have experience with mental illness in my family, but also in my teaching career. I am in complete opposition of having this facility built in our town and I will explain why.

Mental illness runs in my family. When you have a family member with mental illness, you are not able to go back to your own house like the doctors, nurses and administrators who treat them. I am writing from first hand experience with my sister who is only 14 months younger than me and suffers from bi-polar disorder and schizophrenia. My aunt and cousin also suffered from schizophrenia, but are both deceased.

One of the most important issues that has not been mentioned anywhere in the literature against or in support of the facility, is that the mentally ill patient has all the power. This is a direct result of the HIPPA laws. **The patient can discharge themselves at any time from any facility unless they are a threat to themselves or to someone else.** The patient can refuse help from family or friends. This includes rides back to whatever county they will be brought here from. This happened with my sister. She decided to leave the hospital in Maryland before she was ready and was found hiding in bushes in the local neighborhood completely naked and menstruating, with the blood was running down her legs. She wandered that way for about 5 days until the police picked her up. We have no police department here.

Several years later, she suddenly decided that my mom was evil and started writing threatening letters to her. She then stalked her for a period of 6 months. She also wrote letters about imagined unspeakable acts my brother and my husband did to their children. We were all afraid. **I would be afraid if she was hospitalized two blocks from my house.**

She now denies she has a family, so none of us can help her in any way. In fact, the case worker can't even say if she is a patient or not. All of the power is in her hands, as it will be in the hands of every single patient who is admitted to this mental health facility.

You need to know that my sister has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and that she was a pharmaceutical rep for Sandoz and Merk pharmaceutical companies. She had a large territory in the San Bernardino area and owned her own townhouse. She frequently gave lectures to doctors on medications and how they interacted in the body. This disease has nothing to do with socio economic status, intelligence or how someone was raised.

I also have experience with mentally ill teenagers who were imported from other counties into my classroom when I taught special education in Santa Maria. My classroom was near the gym, far from the rest of the other classrooms. Within a week of arriving from another county, one of these young men waited till the rest of the students were gone, cornered me and threatened to rape me.

As much as the supporters of the facility would like us to believe, all those patients (a possible 6,000 a year) will not all accept rides back to where they are from. Some will wander around town just like my sister did.

Please don't allow this facility to be built in our town. It is a money-making venture and the owners will make every effort to fill all the beds - even if it means importing violent mentally ill people against their will.

Lastly, Templeton now has a gun shop right in the downtown area. Almost all the mass shootings were committed by mentally ill young adults. By brining in a possible 6,000 mentally ill patients into our community a year, this increases the odds of something like that happening here.

Sincerely yours,

Crystal Duval-Kidwell

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From: [Debbie Arnold](#)
Sent By: [Jennifer Caffee](#)
To: [Holly Phipps](#)
Subject: Fw: No to Templeton Psychiatric Development
Date: 05/26/2015 10:29 AM

Debbie Arnold
Supervisor, 5th District
San Luis Obispo County
(805) 781-4339

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/26/2015 10:29 AM -----

From: Garon Coalwell <gcoalwell@gmail.com>
To: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us, dclarue_air@yahoo.com, fmecham@co.sloca.us,
darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 05/24/2015 08:04 PM
Subject: No to Templeton Psychiatric Development

Garon Coalwell
553 Well Rd
Templeton Ca, 93465

To whom it may concern:

I wanted to voice my opinion regarding the psychiatric health facility that is proposed in our small town. I am adamantly against this development. It will only have a negative impact on our community. There are many reasons this development must not be allowed to be built: The business plan feasibility study, Toad creek protection, Property values and many others. However, there is one point I wanted to bring to light. As a 12 year veteran of the Fire Service, and as a Fire Captain I have seen the impact that this style institution can have on a community. In my experience, much smaller, but similar businesses that are not lockdown facilities are vacuums for all public service. One of this size and security level would only be exponentially worse. Sherriff, CHP, Ambulance and Fire will be called to respond continuously and cause a major drain on the Public Safety System. Unfortunate as it maybe, this style of institution demands a huge time obligation by Public Safety. As an institution their policy is ALWAYS to call EMS anytime there is a medical complaint. This dumps the liability on the responding Fire, Ambulance, and employers: (Templeton CSD, San Luis Ambulance, and County Fire). Likewise, Fire and Ambulance as a Policy will request Police for security reasons. Police, Fire, and Ambulance will respond to almost all calls. San Luis Ambulance only has three North County response stations. These stations cover from Nacimiento Lake, California Valley, to The San Luis Grade Summit. A huge geographic area. The Ambulance system would be over taxed causing major delays in ambulance response.

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As a resident of Templeton, and as a parent who spends many hours away from home, responding to EMS/Fire Emergencies, I do not want my wife and kids subjected to an overwhelmed Public Safety system. Our local Public Safety system could not handle the drain that such an institution would create.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Fire Captain Garon Coalwell
805-440-8186

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From: [Jennifer Caffee](#)
To: [Holly Phipps](#)
Subject: Fw: Templeton Mental Health Care Hospital
Date: 05/26/2015 10:06 AM

Jennifer Caffee
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Cc: VShelfy@co.slo.ca.us, CMckee@co.slo.ca.us, HMiller@co.slo.ca.us, JBrennan@co.slo.ca.us, JCaffee@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 05/25/2015 12:52 PM
Subject: Templeton Mental Health Care Hospital

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May 25, 2015

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From: JohnKlimala@aol.com
To: HPhipps@co.slo.ca.us
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Subject: Templeton Mental Health Care Hospital
Date: 05/25/2015 12:41 PM

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May 25, 2015

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300
HPhipps@co.slo.ca.us

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From: [Vincent C](#)
To: [hphipp@co.slo.ca.us](#)
Cc: [rhedges@co.slo.ca.us](#); [dclarue_air@yahoo.com](#); [fmecham@co.slo.ca.us](#); [darnold@co.slo.ca.us](#)
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility
Date: 05/25/2015 11:49 AM

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for this opportunity to allow me to voice my concerns about this matter. Though I appreciate this county's work to provide for its residents in all matters of health and well being, I must admit that I am not at all comfortable with this new proposition for Templeton. To keep this email simple, I will simply itemize a few concerns I have:

Horrible location concerning the neighborhood and its residents Why in the middle of a neighborhood as opposed a more remote location?
possible unstable persons potentially transiting thus creating a heightened demand for security.

Safety for childrenTrafficincreased amount of traffic in already "small area"Lower value of town considerably

No offense to Atascadero residents, but its a prime example as to what a one establishment (state hospital) can do to the towns value.We moved to Templeton because its tight nit community and its ability to stay "country."

I believe I speak for the majority of Templeton residents that we want to keep our town simple and free from any big corporations esp. From out of town/state people that don't appreciate the locals' wants of a small community.

On a more personal note. Why is this health facility not being erected in slo? With their constant building and upgrades. More people live there. And it's location has the most medical facilities available to the surrounding areas.

I hope you understand that I bring these few reservations, about the proposed building, in the highest respect. Again I appreciate your time.

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From: [Kaylee Eorio](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 05/24/2015 01:16 PM

To Whom it may concern;

I am writing this letter of concern because our family is highly opposed to this plan for the main reasons listed below. Along with many other reason not listed below.

- We are in a serious drought no new construction, specially of this size that will drain our water supply should be approved.
- Risk to public safety in our community
- Increased traffic congestion will impact our neighborhood negatively and make it unsafe.
- Templeton is a small local community town and we want to keep it that way that's why we choose to live here.
- There is already one in a close proximity, Atascadero.

Please let us know if there is more we can do to keep this from happening in our town.

Eric & Kaylee Eorio

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From: [Debbie Arnold](#)
Sent By: [Jennifer Caffee](#)
To: [Holly Phipps](#); [Vicki Shelby](#)
Subject: Fw: Proposed Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 05/20/2015 10:43 AM

Debbie Arnold
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San Luis Obispo County
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----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/20/2015 10:42 AM -----

From: Donna <ellis93461@yahoo.com>
To: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 05/20/2015 10:35 AM
Subject: Proposed Behavioral Health Hospital

Supervisor Arnold,

I reside in Atascadero and my 85 year old mother resides in Templeton in independent living apartments on Heather Court. I strongly support the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital on Las Tablas Rd in Templeton. The facility is needed for local SLO County residents and the location makes perfect sense due to the proximity to Twin Cities and to many doctor offices.

The only problem I perceive is the traffic and that is not due to an increase in traffic, the traffic study addresses that the traffic would not exceed the limits of Las Tablas Rd. The problem is that the existing traffic, especially during Twin Cities shift change, is exceeding the current speed limit and is unsafe. The time to mitigate the speeders is now before the traffic flow is increased.

Sincerely,
Donna Ellis

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From: Vicki Shelby
To: ferrellqail@hotmail.com
Cc: Frank Mecham; Holly Phipps
Subject: Re: Fw: Proposed Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 05/13/2015 11:18 AM

Dear Ms. Farrell,

Thank you for your comments regarding the proposed behavioral health facility in Templeton. This matter will go to the Planning Commission (prior to coming to the Board of Supervisors) and is tentatively scheduled for some time this summer. We are forwarding your comments to the County Planner handling this project for inclusion in the staff report for the Planning Commission.

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▼ Frank Mecham---05/13/2015 11:16:09 AM---Frank R. Mecham District 1 Supervisor

From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO
To: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 05/13/2015 11:16 AM
Subject: Fw: Proposed Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton
Sent by: Vicki Shelby

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From: Gail <ferrellgail@hotmail.com>
To: "fmecham@co.slo.ca.us" <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 05/13/2015 11:14 AM
Subject: Proposed Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton

Dear Frank Mecham, County Supervisor,

I, Gail Ferrell, a resident, business owner, home owner and land owner of Templeton, CA., am writing you today to express my concern and displeasure in regard to the proposed behavioral health hospital facility in my home town and community of Templeton, CA. **As a resident of this family-friendly community for twenty-two years, I am voicing my opinion AGAINST** the aforementioned proposed facility. This facility would be located very close to numerous family neighborhoods as well as our community hospital and in close proximity to parks, schools and churches. **THIS FACILITY DOES NOT BELONG AT THE PROPOSED LOCATION!!** We, the residents of Templeton, are humbly asking you to consider the well-being and best interests of our families, children and grandchildren, rather than being swayed by the potential capital investment of an outside owner/developer who has no concern whatsoever about the impact of this inappropriate facility on our community.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter, and for taking your responsibility seriously as an elected official who has pledged to care about, pay attention to, and make decisions in the best interests of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Gail Ferrell

Gail Ferrell
Gail's Labradoodles
1450 Eureka Lane
Templeton, CA 93465

805-610-5908

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From: Vicki Shelby
To: dredneck07@gmail.com
Cc: Frank Mecham; Holly Phipps
Subject: Re: Fw: Psychiatric care facility
Date: 05/13/2015 10:44 AM

Good Morning Mr. Bankston,

We appreciate your comments on this proposed facility. Currently, this matter will go to the Planning Commission (scheduled some time this summer) before it comes to the Board of Supervisors. We are forwarding your email to the County Planner handling this matter for inclusion in the record for the Planning Commission.

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▼ Frank Mecham---05/11/2015 03:47:05 PM---Frank R. Mecham District 1 Supervisor

From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO
To: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 05/11/2015 03:47 PM
Subject: Fw: Psychiatric care facility
Sent by: Vicki Shelby

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From: Randy Bankston <dredneck07@gmail.com>
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 05/11/2015 03:44 PM
Subject: Psychiatric care facility

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Hi my name is Randy. I live in Templeton and I am concerned about the planned site for the "supposed" Psychiatric care facility. First off why is it being built right in front of a 46 home neighborhood that has only one way in and out of that development. Second the amount of traffic that is already on Las Tables rd. between 7:30 to 8:30 in the morning and again at 2:00 to 3:30 in the afternoon is extremely heavy with school starting and letting out. With Las Tables being one of two roads to the Vineyard elementary school. I know there has been several traffic studies done and I have to wonder if any of them ever had the fore sight of the "THREE" housing tracks going in Templeton. With all three housing tracks going in at around 160 to 200+ homes which works out to be approx. 300 to 400+ more cars in Templeton how that will be feasible during the busy times of day? As far as emergency services I have a hard time believing that not only fire but EMS, CHP and Sheriff will be able to cope with anything on a severe emergency.

Thank you

From: Gail
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarueair@yahoo.com
Subject: Templeton Proposed Behavioral Health Hosp. Facility
Date: 05/13/2015 07:26 AM

Attention SLO County Planning & Building Dept:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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From: [Julie Chang](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com
Subject: Concern regarding large scale psychiatric health facility proposed in Templeton, CA residential neighborhood
Date: 05/12/2015 04:49 PM

Henry and Julie Chang
980 South Bethel Rd.
Templeton, CA 93465
619-992-7444 cell

May 11, 2015

SLO County Planning and Building Dept.
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300
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Frank Mecham
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darnold@co.slo.ca.us
TAAG

Dear Ms. Phipps,

We are writing to express our concern regarding the large-scale psychiatric health facility proposed in a Templeton, CA residential neighborhood. Our concerns are the same as those noted from other Templeton residents.

"FACILITY AND PROJECT CONCERNS"

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Approximately 3-5 times larger per capita than similar facilities Statewide
<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Patient bed capacity proposed is **96 beds—nearly equal to the Hospital**, yet on less land
<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Will **import patients from several outside counties**. Regional facility in small community that lacks resources
<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> **Lockdown facility** with high-volume cycling of patients, 5 to 14 day stays can average 3,250 to 6,500 patients per year (Templeton pop. Approx. 7,700)
<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> **Location is near homes, parks and schools**
<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Impacts on Hospital and local community **if a crisis occurs in such a lockdown facility of this capacity**

NOT A LOCAL PROJECT

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> The Carmel-based owner/developer hired Louisiana-based Vizion Health and a Santa Barbara-based architect
<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> **No local leadership**
<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> The owner/developer may **sell proposed facility to a**

company not involved or responsive to our community for millions of dollars

EFFECTS ON COMMUNITY

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Lowers property values = lowers tax revenue to schools and County.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Risks associated with transient mental health patients from other counties.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Risks to Public Safety Countywide for such a Regional facility.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Lack of social services and infrastructure in Templeton for released patients, such as no half-way house, homeless facility or social services.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->No County Behavioral Health or Drug Rehabilitation Clinic locally.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Increased traffic congestion may impact Las Tablas Road and Emergency vehicles.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Collective concerns of local Doctors against project, voiced at TAAG Meeting on November, 20, 2014.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Extra burden and challenges for Fire Department and Law Enforcement.

PROJECT CONCERNS VOICED BY THE TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP (TAAG)

TAAG made the following recommendations:

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->A Business Plan and Feasibility Study specific to SLO County is necessary.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Traffic Study is not consistent with other project traffic studies presented to TAAG.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Project needs to conform to the terrain of the property to follow Templeton Design Plan.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Protection of Toad Creek in accordance with the Templeton Design Plan
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Storm-water Drainage and Retention of all storm-water on the property (per County regulations)
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Lot Split does not allow each parcel to have separate parking.
 <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Environmental impact report is necessary

This is NOT a local project. The out-of-town developer has stated on the record that he plans to sell the facility to an outside company once completed."

Thank you,

Henry and Julie Chang

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Ravone Bishop](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Letter of Concern re: proposed psychiatric health facility in Templeton
Date: 05/12/2015 04:32 PM

Attention: SLO County Planning Department,

I have recently received pro and con letters regarding the proposed Psychiatric health Facility on Las Tablas Road, Templeton. I would like to voice a strong objection to the granting of the approval of this facility. I am a Templeton resident of almost 16 years (40 years in North County) - my home being located just off Las Tablas Road on the eastside of Hwy 101. I walk several times a month to my banks and Doctor's office located on Las Tablas near Twin Cities Hospital. I love the Templeton area and have always felt very safe and comfortable walking Las Tablas and the other roads of the community.

As a background reference to my objections for this facility in our community, I retired after 14 years working at Atascadero State Hospital. I worked behind Security and know the challenges of working with mentally ill patients. ASH was equipped with police, fire and safety personnel to handle escapes from the facility and other emergencies within. I fail to understand how Templeton with limited police services, volunteer fire department, and no transportation or housing services can be an ideal community for such an undertaking. I have two grandchildren in Templeton schools and am concerned about the area being considered for this proposed facility. There are homes all around it - plus our children walk and ride bikes along the route to and from school.

Please consider these objections. I have talked to several Templeton people who are concerned about this proposed facility. It is not fair to a community which will receive no benefit from it and will only be faced with loss of security.

Thank you for considering my request.

Ravone Bishop
119 Wessels Way
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ravoneb@yahoo.com

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Vicki Shelby
To: mukbre2000@yahoo.com
Cc: Frank Mecham; Holly Phipps
Subject: Re: Fw: Templeton
Date: 05/12/2015 04:09 PM

Good Afternoon,

We appreciate your email on the proposed behavioral health facility in Templeton. This matter will go to the Planning Commission (before coming to the Board of Supervisors) sometime this summer. We are forwarding your email to the County Planner for this project so that your letter is included in the record.

Vicki M. (Shelby) Fogleman
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▼ Frank Mecham---05/12/2015 04:07:07 PM---Frank R. Mecham District 1 Supervisor

From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO
To: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 05/12/2015 04:07 PM
Subject: Fw: Templeton
Sent by: Vicki Shelby

Frank R. Mecham
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ATTACHMENT 9

From: Mukbre2000 <mukbre2000@yahoo.com>
To: "fmecham@co.slo.ca.us" <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 05/12/2015 04:04 PM
Subject: Templeton

Hello Mr Meachum,
I am writing in regards to the proposed Behavioral Health Facility across from the hospital here in my hometown of Templeton. I believe the project is too large a facility to be located in our small community. A facility this size should be located in a larger city, such as San Luis Obispo. I hope you will decide to locate the facility elsewhere.
Thanks,
Michael Brennan

Sent from my iPad

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Bruce Nesbitt](#)
Sent By: germanstatice@gmail.com
To: hphpps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 05/12/2015 01:08 PM

I have lived in Templeton for 42 years and SUPPORT this initiative 100%.
It would be located in the Hospital zone which is where it should be.
There is an incredible need for this hospital.
My own niece was in a facility in SLO and had to leave because there was a time limit for her stay and when that time was up she had no where to go.
I guess there is no questioning the need just where to locate it and I agree with the area chosen.

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[Bruce Nesbitt](#)
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ATTACHMENT 9

From: lisa_mitchell
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: LARGE-SCALE PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY FOR TEMPLETON RESIDENTS.
Date: 05/11/2015 03:40 PM

Dear Holly,

May 11, 2015.

My name is Lisa Mitchell, and I just spoke with you by telephone about an hour ago regarding the possibly of this facility being built in our Templeton City on Las Tablas Road across from Twin Cities Hospital. I live at the Rolling Hills Apartments and I do oppose this facility being built for the safety of families with their children here at the apartments. I feel there is plenty of places to built this facility other than a very small city with a lot of families and children with nearby schools. We will not at all feel safe here and we have felt in present. A possible location would be out by the Boys School off of Airport Road, in Paso Robles.

Please do not let this facility be built! Would it be okay now to get a letter drafted and have everyone in the apartments sign it?

Or did you say I do need to wait a little longer to draft a letter with signatures?

I very much oppose this facility possibly being built and I worry for all the safety of the families and children here at the apartments.

Holly do you need just this letter than I can draft and get signatures? Or do you need each individual here to send separate e-mails and letters to you and our County Supervisors?

Please send me a Public Notice by Mail to: Or any more information regarding this issue.

Lisa Mitchell
975 Las Tablas Road Apartment C
Templeton, CA
93465

Sincerely,

Lisa Mitchell.

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Vicki Shelby
To: cblandy@charter.net
Cc: Frank Mecham; Holly Phipps
Subject: Re: Fw: Psych Facility
Date: 05/11/2015 10:09 AM

Dear Mr. Blandy,

We appreciate your comments regarding the proposed Behavioral Hospital in Templeton. This matter will go to the Planning Commission some this summer (my understanding) prior to the Board of Supervisors hearing it. I have copied the County Planning on this so that she can include you in any updates on the project.

Thank you.

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▼ Frank Mecham---05/11/2015 09:30:06 AM---Frank R. Mecham District 1 Supervisor

From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO
To: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 05/11/2015 09:30 AM
Subject: Fw: Psych Facility
Sent by: Vicki Shelby

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ATTACHMENT 9

From: Charles Blandy <clblandy@charter.net>
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 05/08/2015 10:08 AM
Subject: Psych Facility

I am writing with my objections to the Psychiatric Health Facility that is being considered here in Templeton. What more can I say than WATER! WATER! WATER! Our wells have dried up. We are told we are in severe draught and yet someone is considering this project. I can only imagine the amount of water a facility like this will require. I am appalled that our county advisors are even considering this. I am appalled that someone from out of the area can set up a facility like this. I am concerned about the patients being treated here in our neighborhood with our children yards away from this lockdown facility. What happens when these patients are released in our community? We enjoy our solute and quite neighborhoods and we don't need or want this kind of facility here.
Thank you
Laurie Blandy

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Vicki Shelby
To: coachalvord@gmail.com
Cc: Frank Mecham; Holly Phipps
Subject: Re: Fw: Behavioral Hospital
Date: 05/11/2015 09:42 AM

Good Morning Mr. Alvord,

We appreciate your comments regarding the proposed Behavioral Hospital in Templeton. This matter will go to the Planning Commission some time this summer (my understanding) prior to the Board of Supervisors hearing it. I have copied the County Planner on this so that she can include you in any updates on the project.

Thank you.

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▼ Frank Mecham---05/11/2015 09:32:16 AM---Frank R. Mecham District 1 Supervisor

From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO
To: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 05/11/2015 09:32 AM
Subject: Fw: Behavioral Hospital
Sent by: Vicki Shelby

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ATTACHMENT 9

From: Tim Alvord <coachalvord@gmail.com>
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 05/07/2015 08:47 AM
Subject: Behavioral Hospital

Dear Frank, I am writing in support of the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton. We have had close and intimate experience with the woeful lack of behavioral heal care in SLO county. Please count on me to help combat the nimbyism and stigmas attached to this issue.

I urge your support. Thanks
Tim Alvord. Templeton

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Priscilla Cooperman](#)
To: [hphipp@co.slo.ca.us](#); [rhedges@co.slo.ca.us](#); [darnold@co.slo.ca.us](#); [fmecham@co.slo.ca.us](#)
Subject: Templeton Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 05/09/2015 01:38 PM

I have been a homeowner in Templeton for the past 18 years and live close to TCCH. I am opposed to developing property on Las Tablas as a psychiatric hospital. This type of project is not a good fit for Templeton and will do nothing to enhance our community.

Please do not approve this project.

Sincerely,
Priscilla Cooperman
85 Frontier Way
Templeton, CA 93465

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Fred Frank](#)
To: Hhhipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Support of Templeton Behavioral Health Hospital project
Date: 05/09/2015 10:53 AM

Planning Commissioners and Staff:

I strongly support the proposed hospital project in Templeton since it appropriately sited and in great need.

I have discussed this project with several friends and professionals in the field of psychiatric care and they agree that this is a much needed facility. I understand that currently several hundred aged and young people are forced to find care outside this county. This is often a serious hardship and in many cases limits treatment.

The proposal is located near the Twin Cities hospital, within a major medical center zoned for this use.

Not only will this facility provide badly needed services but it will generate many well paid jobs during construction and after its completion.

This project is long overdue and has my full support.

Fred Frank
3615 Ardilla Rd
Atascadero CA 93422

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Don and Carol Rapp](#)
Reply To: [Don and Carol Rapp](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Facility in Templeton
Date: 05/08/2015 03:40 PM

To whom it may concern,
My mom Lois Rapp(who is blind)1410 Condor Lane Templeton, has asked me (her son) Don Rapp to send this e mail to express her lack of support for the psch facility being built in templeton by her home.

Sincerely,
Don Rapp

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Charles Blandy
To: hhipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psych Facility
Date: 05/08/2015 10:07 AM

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Thank you
Laurie Blandy

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Robert D'Anis](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Behavioral Hospital in Templeton
Date: 05/07/2015 01:22 PM

Hello Mr. Phipps, Mr. Mecham and Ms. Arnold,

I just wanted to quickly write that my Wife and I are both opposed to the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital under consideration for Templeton.

I believe I also speak for all other residents in the Peacock Ranch development as we have all signed and passed a petition which I believe has been presented to you.

Although my wife and myself understand that a Hospital like this is needed in the county, we feel that there are several places that make more sense to have this type of development.

Templeton residents are already afflicted by homeless, transients and other that use the existing hospital facilities, sleeping in common areas and parks and housing tracts around the city.

I would like to suggest two places that would be much better suited for this type of development. Prado road in San Luis Obispo near the outdoor theatre. This is an open location with good freeway access and a population that would make use of a facility such as this. The Paso Robles boys camp property would be my second suggestion. Either would be a significantly better choice for this type of facility.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,
Robert and Janet D'Anis
366 Puffin Way Templeton CA. 93465.

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Robin Scott](#)
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; hphipps@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Fwd: Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 05/06/2015 05:11 PM

I am a longtime resident of Templeton and I want to let you know that I DO NOT want this facility to be placed in Templeton. Templeton is ill-suited to this type of hospital. No matter what the promoters say, the facility will attract emotionally and mentally troubled people to this town. The effects of such a concentration of people who are dependent on County and State services on a small community and its schools will be significant.

Templeton does not have a Police Department to deal with the inevitable problems which will be imported from around the area. Our schools are small and will be disproportionately affected by the influx of minors suffering from various emotional and mental problems. We have no County mental health staff to deal with the overflow from the facility.

This is NOT the right place for this facility. Put it in SLO where the imported problems can be handled by existing infrastructure.

Thanks for listening.

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Robin Ertman Scott
[805.441-3601](tel:805.441-3601)

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Scott C. Scott/TRC Ranch
[805.440.6309](tel:805.440.6309)

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Randy Bankston](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric care facility in Templeton
Date: 05/06/2015 10:24 AM

Hi my name is Randy. I live in Templeton and I am concerned about the planned site for the "supposed" Psychiatric care facility. First off why is it being built right in front of a 46 home nieghbor hood that has only one way in and out of that develiment. Second the amount of traffic that is already on Las Tables rd. between 7:30 to 8:30 in the morning and again at 2:00 to 3:30 in the afternoon is extreamly heavy with school starting and letting out. With Las Tables being one of two roads to the Vineyard elementary school. I know there has been several traffic studies done and I have to wonder if any of them ever had the fore sight of the "THREE" housing tracks going in Templeton. With all three housing tracks going in at around 160 to 200+ home which works out to be apopx. 300 to 400+ more cars in Templeton how that will be feasible during the busy times of day? As far as emergency services I have a hard time beliving that not only fire but ems, chp and sheriff will be able to cope with anything on a severe emergency.

Thank you

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Heritage Ranch CSD](#)
Reply To: contact.us@heritageranchcsd.com
To: hphippis@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Behavioral Health Facility Templeton
Date: 05/06/2015 09:31 AM

SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos St. #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn. Holly Phipps, Room 300
Dear Ms. Phipps

As lifetime San Luis Obispo County residents we believe development of a behavioral health hospital facility in our area is a good idea. It would assist residents county-wide and provide a needed service to San Luis Obispo County. However, the 96 bed behavioral health facility in Templeton proposed by Harvey Billig is much too large for our County and will clearly need to attract patients from throughout the State to be profitable. It simply does not fit into the size and nature of the medical facilities in the community of Templeton. Mr. Harvey Billig may have at one time been a County resident and doctor in Templeton, but he now is acting only in the capacity of an out-of-town land developer. Mr. Billig's only motivation is maximum financial gain on land adjacent to Twin Cities Hospital that he has owned for many years and now seeks a return on his investment.

We urge the Planning Department and/or Planning Commission to deny any request to move forward with the proposed 96 bed behavioral health facility in Templeton. Any type of lot split, land subdivision, or other means for Mr. Billig to develop his land to accommodate the proposed current size of the behavioral health facility should be denied. If Mr. Billig truly wants to develop a behavioral health hospital facility adjacent to Twin Cities Hospital to meet the needs of our County residents he should downsize the facility.

Thank you.

John and Rebecca D'Ornellas
Templeton residents

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Christina Maldonado](mailto:hphipps@co.slo.ca.us)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Templeton Behavioral Hospital
Date: 05/05/2015 04:35 PM

Ms. Phipps, Mr. Mecham & Ms. Arnold,

As a Templeton resident, I am quite concerned of the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital. Although it is being proposed as a "secure facility" we know that when patients with behavioral health issues such as those that will be treated at this facility, secure is relevant and cannot be guaranteed 100%.

This is a very small community known for it's quality schools and quality of living. We have several schools in a small geographical area serving many children, including hundreds of inter-district transfer students. The community of Templeton has already seen so many changes, most recently the loss of our beloved and historic livestock market on Main Street only to be replaced by housing. I have several friends and family members including young children who live near the proposed location of this facility all who have voiced great concern of having this facility near their homes. They are concerned about traffic, the safety of their family and community and the impact on local resources.

Speaking of local resources, we are in the middle of a very scary drought. Yet, for some reason here in Templeton, permits for new wells and meters are still being given for new developments including wineries. I recently drove by a 100 acre parcel on Templeton Rd. which just put in new irrigation lines and stakes for new grape plantings. How does this make any sense? How does it make sense that this project which will house patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week requiring water to clean, live, etc. be allowed? It does not. Not at this time during the drought situation we find ourselves in.

I am a licensed Real Estate Agent and have been selling real estate in North County since 2001. I can confidently say that home values in the area, especially in the immediate area, will be negatively affected if this proposed facility is allowed to be built in Templeton. There will be a stigma associated with neighborhoods in the immediate area of this facility if it is allowed. I live in Templeton, less than a half mile from The Chicago Grade Landfill and I know that the value of my 5 acre ranchette is about \$75,000-\$100,000 less than if it were not located near the landfill or if the landfill did not exist. I expect that values of homes near this facility will also be adversely affected if this proposed facility is allowed to be built in Templeton.

I am sending you this email for all of us who live in Templeton but especially for my close family and friends who live very near the proposed location of this facility. PLEASE think strongly and consider how this facility will affect this community and try to seek other options for how and where patients with behavioral issues can be treated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

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Christina Maldonado
3586 Blackhawk Dr.
Templeton, CA 93465

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [william.mills](#)
Reply To: [william.mills](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: RE: Templeton psychiatric facility
Date: 05/05/2015 01:20 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the psychiatric facility proposed for Templeton.

Templeton is so small, and our resources are very limited. Even the doctors at Twin Cities said this was not a good idea at all. It would strain their resources severely.

The developers of this facility turned down other, better locations.

Our small neighborhood cannot handle this facility nor should we have to have it when there are other locations that have the resources to support this facility. I received a flyer last week that explains why Templeton was picked. A former resident will make a lot of money on this proposal. A former resident who no longer lives here, and one who plans to sell this facility as soon as it is completed. No one who would run the place plans to live here. There will be no security at the facility.

Our small neighborhood community does not need this "absentee landlord out to make money" type of facility. This is a residential community full of families with young children.

Please help us so this does not happen.

Thank you so much.

William Mills

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Vicki Shelby
To: Erin Mills
Cc: Frank Mecham; Debbie Arnold; Holly Phipps
Subject: Fw: Psychiatric Health Facility In Templeton
Date: 05/05/2015 10:03 AM

Good Morning Ms. Mills,

Thank you for your comments regarding this proposed facility. We are forwarding your email to the County Planner for this application, as this will be heard by the Planning Commission before it comes to the Board of Supervisors.

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From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO
To: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 05/05/2015 09:50 AM
Subject: Fw: Psychiatric Health Facility In Templeton
Sent by: Vicki Shelby

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From: Erin Mills <enarita99@att.net>
To: "fmecham@co.slo.ca.us" <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 05/04/2015 05:56 PM
Subject: RE: Psychiatric Health Facility In Templeton

Dear Frank Mecham and Debby Arnold,
I am e-mailing to express my concern and opposition to the proposed psychiatric facility in poor little Templeton. Does our small residential community really need something like this? I truly do not think so for several reasons. The developers of this facility were offered free space in SLO and chose to turn it down. They have admitted that no one in charge will be living locally, and even more troubling, they have said they plan to sell the facility as soon as it is completed. The developers have changed their stories so many times that now, nothing they say is believable. The facility will be located right next to a new housing development, and we have been told repeatedly that there will be no security at the facility.

Templeton has a small law enforcement presence. If there is a problem, our resources are very limited. Even many physicians at Twin Cities Hospital are opposed to this because it will put too great a strain on hospital resources.

Last Friday, all residents of Templeton received from the man who stands to profit the most from this facility, a Dr. Billig, who does not live in Templeton. His flyer was full of half-truths and un-truths. You have to wonder why he would go to such great lengths to convince Templeton residents to support this project. Is he thinking of the community, or as I suspect is the case, he is thinking of his profits.

Please do not allow this disaster to occur in our

charming little community. There are many other places that would be a much better fit.

Thank you so much for reading this e-mail.

Sincerely,

William and Erin Mills

Mr. Mecham,

I am opposed to the proposed Mental Health Facility in Templeton.

The list is long with all the reasons Templeton is not the community for this project.

A large city is where a facility like this belongs.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Wright
Templeton Resident

From: [Erin Mills](#)
Reply To: [Erin Mills](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: RE: Proposed Templeton psychiatric facility
Date: 05/04/2015 06:14 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

I am e-mailing to express my concern and opposition to the psychiatric facility proposed for Templeton. I have lived in this charming little residential community for eighteen years. We are very small with limited resources. This facility would be mis-placed in our community. I simply do not understand why Templeton was even considered when there were better placement opportunities available. Then last Friday, all Templeton residents received a flyer from the man who stands to profit greatly from the facility. Unfortunately, what his flyer said did not match what he and the facility promoters have been saying at several meetings with the community. Actually, each time there was another community meeting, their stories changed. Now they have said that as soon as the facility is completed, they plan to sell it. It makes one suspect that the good of the community is not their first priority but rather their profits. Please do not allow this facility to get Planning Commission approval. It would be a disaster for our peaceful and small community. Please help us keep our community safe from greed and impracticality. Thank you for reading this e-mail.

Sincerely,
Erin Mills

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Rachael Murphy](#)
Reply To: [Rachael Murphy](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us; rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: Nanette@soaringeaglepress.com
Subject: Against proposed psychiatric health facility
Date: 05/04/2015 01:38 PM

Dear SLO County Planning & Building Dept., etc,

As residents in the Templeton area, specifically near Bethel Road and Las Tablas Road, we are extremely against this proposal of building a psychiatric health facility off Las Tablas Road, Templeton, CA. As a local resident(s), we moved to this community because of the "small town" neighborhoods, and the relatively safe area. It has proven in other areas, that such a facility that is being proposed has reduced property values, is a greater risk to public safety and increases traffic.

Please **do not** allow this facility to be built at all in the Templeton area. We will keep fighting until this issue can be stopped!!!!

Sincerely,
Templeton Residents

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Chris Fouquet](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Please reject proposed mental health facility on Las Tablas in Templeton
Date: 05/04/2015 01:38 PM

Hello,

I am writing in response to recent mailing that we have received about the mental health facilities proposed for Las Tablas Road in Templeton.

My family and I are very much opposed to such a facility being located in our neighborhood. The community has spoken out before on this subject---in overwhelming opposition---which resulted in a vote of rejection by the Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) and, I thought, by the Board of Supervisors. I do not understand why this concept is still under consideration. There is no aspect of their proposal which could be changed in any way to make this project acceptable within our community.

Please reject this project in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Chris and Alicia Fouquet
95 Pendleton Lane
Templeton, CA 93465

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Marie Roth](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Behavioral Health Hospital proposed for Templeton
Date: 05/04/2015 10:51 AM

Greeting,

I'd like to send you my letter of support for the proposed behavioral health hospital in Templeton.

This is a very much needed resource for our County.

January 2014, just after her 18th birthday my daughter had a breakdown that landed her down at our County Mental Health Services. The experience was terrifying for several reason, one being that my daughter had just turned 18 and was placed into the adult facility in SLO, another was that since she did have her own insurance she would have to be transferred to a private facility...in Bakersfield or Ventura because there are none in San Luis Obispo County. It was through this experience I learned just how scant mental health services are in this area.

Our story is a successful one, thank God, but it was one of the most difficult things I've ever experienced that left me feeling scared for other parents and frustrated with this place known as "The Happiest City in America". How could we not have this resource in our own county?

Additionally, for the past 6 months I have been working with my friend who suffered a severe emotional breakdown & depression over the death of a loved one last year. If we had a facility like this one she possibly would have been able to pull through quicker and with much more support that just I have been able to provide.

It's not just the patient that needs help but their family and friends as well! It's frightening not knowing how to help someone nor having the resources to do so.

I would like to know if there is opportunity to make a public comment regarding this subject. Would that be tomorrow, May 5th or later in the month?

Thank you,
Marie Roth

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Vicki Shelby
To: bischo@charter.net; Holly Phipps
Cc: Cytasha Campa; Board of Supervisors
Subject: Re: Fw: Contact Us (response #2788)
Date: 05/04/2015 08:59 AM

Dear Ms. Schoennauer,

Thank you for your comments on this application. We are forwarding your comments to the Planner handling this as it will be heard by the Planning Commission first. We will ask the Planner, Ms. Phipps, to place you on her mailing list for any future information relating to this project.

Vicki M. (Shelby) Fogleman
Legislative Assistant for
First District Supervisor Frank R. Mecham
1055 Monterey St., D430
San Luis Obispo CA 93408
(805) 781-4491/FAX (805) 781-1350

email: vshelby@co.slo.ca.us

"Thinking a smile all the time will keep your face youthful" - Frank G. Burgess
"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been" - Mark Twain

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ATTACHMENT 9

Brenda Schoennauer

Telephone Number:
805-237-1586

Email address:
bjscho@charter.net

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

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With one in four persons expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime and one in 12 children, the need for behavioral health care for families in crisis is imperative. Our local County Mental Health facility has to send hundreds of patients out of the county for treatment for lack of beds here. There is no facility in San Luis Obispo County that can provide intense inpatient behavioral therapy. The closest facility for adolescents is in Ventura. Children are often sent to UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital for treatment. This creates a huge burden for families who must be part of treatment and exit plans.

My husband & I had to take several days off work over a 2 week period while our son was in Ventura recovering from a psychotic break.

This is an opportunity that our county cannot pass up to provide much needed services to underserved children, adolescents, adults, and seniors who need immediate mental health care in our county. The property is zoned for this use. The owners are willing to build the facility. Please help in any way you can to bring this much needed facility to our families and loved ones.

Sincerely,
Brenda Schoennauer

ATTACHMENT 9

May 1, 2015

Dear County Planning and Building Department,

I believe it is important to NOT allow the Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton to go forward.

The quality and safety of the community will be diminished.

I practice Emergency Medicine as a physician and have lived in North County since 1999.

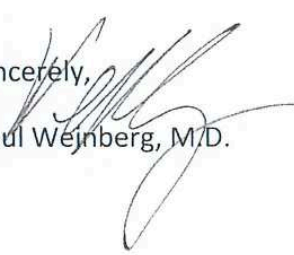
The type of patients that I expect will be brought to this facility, evaluated, admitted or not admitted and then discharged are often very difficult for society to deal with in a neighborly manner.

Homicidal people, suicidal people, heroin addicts, methamphetamine addicts and psychotics are often unstable and add to the social burden of any caring group.

The ease of homeless living in Templeton, a city without its own police force, could create a worrisome refuge for the encampment of those people.

I strongly urge the denial of a Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton.

Sincerely,


Paul Weinberg, M.D.

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SLO County Planning & Building Department
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

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Sincerely,

Dennis M. Mello

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805.772.7208

dennismello@uhaul.com

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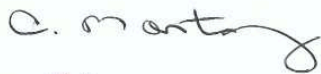
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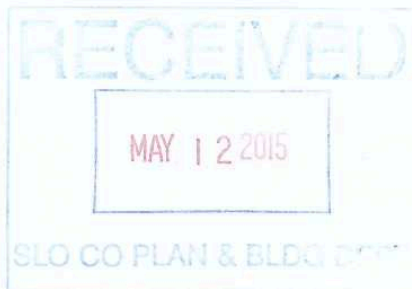
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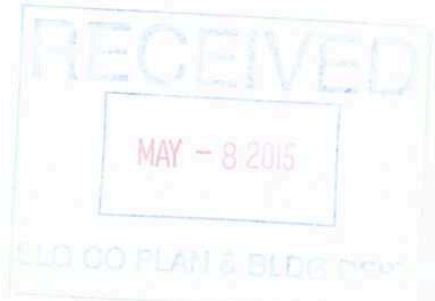
This letter is to notify the Department that I am in support of the Behavioral Health Hospital proposed in Templeton.

I have resided in Templeton for 23 years and a lifelong resident of San Luis Obispo County. As a retired police sergeant, I fully understand the implications of the mentally ill in our society. This facility brings jobs and fulfills a need we do not have in our county- housing children. I have a close friend whose child had to be sent several hours away. For a parent, this can be devastating. There is nothing to be afraid of having this facility in our neighborhood. It can only bring good. I hope that this project moves forward and I am in full support.



Respectfully,
Carol Montgomery
1371 Shane Lane
Templeton, Ca. 93465





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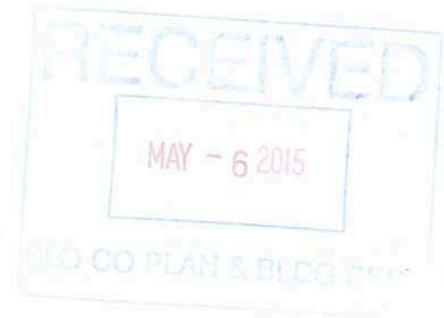
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Sincerely,

*Manuel R. Mello
201 Twin Cities Dr. #170
Pismo Beach, Ca. 93448*



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Sincerely,

Marlene M. Mello

Dear *Holly Phipps*

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I retired in 2002 and experienced two health situations with my son and daughter. My son 25 was diagnosed with cancer. In his bed he ask, "Am I going to die?" He survived and has been cancer free for three years.

My daughter in her eerily 30's has experienced a mental disease of depression, etc. ^{she} So has a degree from UC San Diego, a master degree from NYU. This disease caused here to be without a job in New York City. She was taken in by the NYPD and hospitalized and court order to receive medications. This resulted in changed behavior and a request to return to live with her parents. She now lives with us in Atascadero, attending Cuesta College, but exhibits behaviors of depression. I think every night will there be a police call. So the behavioral health facility is needed to serve the family. I would never have though that my retirement years would be involved with cancer and mental disease.

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Sincerely,

Ray Shirley



Dear

Board of Supervisors

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Insert personal story

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**Susan Levine
Templeton, CA 93465**

5 May 2015

SLO Board of Supervisors

RE: Proposed Templeton Mental Health Hospital Facility

I oppose this project for some of the following reasons:

- 1) Size: the recommended cited minimum 50 beds/1000 population does not differentiate types of hospital care, eg. criminal, substance abuse, chronic seriously mentally challenged, etc.**
- 2) Per Dr. Dietch, 1 in 4 of Templeton's 7,700 population requires the service of the proposed lock-down facility. (This statement needs to be verified.)
This comes to 1,925 patients with an average 10 day stay totaling 19,250 bed occupancy. The yearly 96 bed facility has an occupancy rate of 35,040 which leaves 15,790 empty beds to be filled. (100% occupancy is not expected but still leaves a lot of empty beds.)**
- 3) The referred 350 patients for treatment outside our county is a heavy burden on all concerned as it is on . transporting patients is not their main responsibility or reason for being.**
- 4) Again, for the community at large, I urge the Supervisors to implement an immediate building moratorium until an adequate and sustainable water**

- 4) At one meeting the voiced concerns of the medical professionals overwhelmingly stated not to be in favor of this proposed facility – for whatever reasons.**
- 5) Although the police and sheriff help transport patients, both are currently understaffed. Please note this is not their main responsibility or reason for being. As in many areas, Templeton has a volunteer fire department. Again, they too are short-handed, and transporting patients is not their main responsibility or reason for being.**
- 6) Again, for the community at large, I urge the Supervisors to implement an immediate building moratorium until an adequate and sustainable water supply has been attained even though this is not politically popular and negatively impacts the revenue.**

This is the wrong type of facility in the wrong place at the wrong time which will adversely impact this community for the many reasons repeatedly voiced. Please act responsibly and deny this proposed project.

Respectfully,



Susan Levine

DATE: May 8, 2015

TO: SLO County Planning and Building Dept.
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300
976 Osos Street, #200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

FROM: Melanie Coppen, Concerned Templeton Resident

RE: Large Scale Psychiatric Health Facility Proposed for Templeton



As a Templeton resident who recently made a significant (\$1.45M) investment in a beautiful home in Santa Ysabel Ranch in Templeton, I oppose this proposed facility.

I chose to relocate my family to Templeton for the small town ambiance, safety, good schools, lack of traffic/noise/development and overall quality of life. I believe that the reasons we chose to live in Templeton would be jeopardized with this facility. I also believe there would be a serious decline in real estate values. This would be devastating to the future of my family and our financial standing. Additionally, a decline in real estate values means less funds to schools and other property-tax funded programs. This would put our community at risk.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS FACILITY. Our town needs to be "on the map" for its charm, appeal, quality of life, good schools, safety and superior quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melanie Coppen
2424 Battering Rock Road
Templeton, CA 93465

Dear Ms. Phipps,

I have read the material representing both sides of this "hospital" proposal in Templeton and I come out against it.

We don't need a mental health facility in our primarily residential neighborhood. I know we have Twin Cities here, plus many doctors' offices. This is different and I am against it.

Please take note of my view.

Sincerely,
Victoria Mulder

5/7/15



Ms. Victoria Mulder
730 Cobble Creek Way
Templeton, CA 93465-9496



Cassius Allison
441 Las Tablas Rd.
Templeton, Ca.
93465



To: Holly Phipps

Subject; Large-scale psychiatric health facility proposed in the Templeton area.

Respectfully,

Ms. Arnold suggested I register my opposition for the proposal to the County Planning & Building Department through you so I would like to point out my concerns.

Let there be no confusion here, the person or persons proposing this facility are being deceitful by suggesting the hospital would be secure. By using the word secure they are implying to the general public that those patients being treated there would not have access to the community beyond the boundaries of the hospital. That is not true. You cannot hold a person against their will. A person who does so could face the charge of false imprisonment. If he/she transports a person to the facility against their will the charge of kidnapping might loom over their head. It is a function of law enforcement and the courts to order persons to be detained in a secure facility. Without legal holds mental patients would be allowed unfettered access to the Templeton area.

The Tom Jermin Sr. Recreational Park is two tenths of a mile from the proposed area. That distance puts the Behavioral Health Hospital a stones throw away from a children's' park! The City Park and swimming pool is 1 mile from the proposed area. The Middle School is 1 & 3/10 miles from the proposed area. The grammar school is 2 & 5/10 miles from the proposed area. Templeton is a small compact city and up to now our children have been fairly safe to access the town with considerable ease. An increase in the homeless population may end those freedoms for our residents.

This facility would end up becoming a Homeless spa and resort. The homeless would check in for a few days of warm meals, clean sheets and then out the door to walk the streets of Templeton and lay in the park. The Templeton community would be flooded with San Luis County's homeless population.

By implying that the patients being treated in this hospital would be securely controlled and kept out of the community the author has kept parents at bay. Parents, who if they knew the truth that their children's parks might be places where mental patients could be loitering in the future would rise up and camp on the County Board's doorstep.

Thanks for listening,

Cassius L. Allison

ATTACHMENT 9

I am writing with my objections to the Psychiatric Health Facility that is being considered here in Templeton. What more can I say than WATER! WATER! WATER! Our wells have dried up. We are told we are in severe draught and yet someone is considering this project. I can only imagine the amount of water a facility like this will require. I am appalled that our county advisors are even considering this. I am appalled that someone from out of the area can set up a facility like this. I am concerned about the patients being treated here in our neighborhood with our children yards away from this lockdown facility. What happens when these patients are released in our community? We enjoy our solute and quite neighborhoods and we don't need or want this kind of facility here.

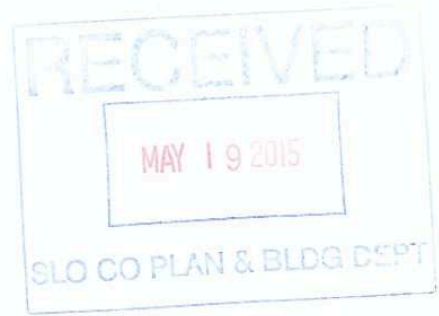
Thank you
Laurie Blandy

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.

976 Osos St. #200

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300



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I am writing to inform you that I greatly support to 96 bed behavioral health hospital proposed for Templeton near the Twin Cities Hospital. It seems to be a great idea to have a mental health facility near Twin Cities. The close proximity for these 2 medical facilities will promote better care for those facing both physical and mental health issues. There is no facility of this kind in our county and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need. This is an opportunity for our county to provide much needed services. The National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that one in 4 adults will need to seek mental health in their lifetime. Our present facilities are not adequate to serve those in need in this area. Please help in any way you can to see that this proposed facility will be built.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Sheehy
mother of a mentally ill
adult child

Frank Scotti
6950 Kingsbury Road
Templeton, CA 93465
(805) 717-2708



SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos Street
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San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
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Re: behavioral health hospital facility project

05/26/15

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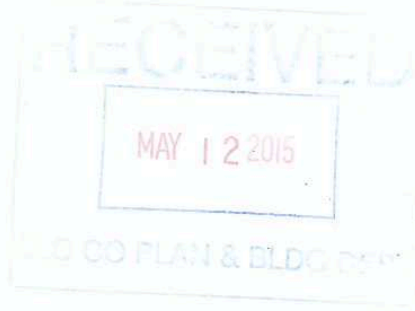
This high-volume lockdown facility is too close to family neighborhoods, parks and schools. Security and traffic are major concerns of ours. Secondly, the Templeton Community Services District is already at or beyond capacity to maintain the safety and welfare of our community. We are currently being asked to consider an increase in funding to the TCSD. Adding more stress to the system makes no sense whatsoever.

Lastly, I do not agree with the nature of the business and the value that it brings to the community. Templeton and the surrounding area will not see any benefit from such a facility. It will only attract a transient mental health patients that do not already live in our community.

Please inform me of all public meetings regarding this project so that I may continue to understand what is happening and be able to voice my opinion as a resident of Templeton.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotti
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Dennis M. MELLO

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My 1ST TBI was 18 Aug. 2007.
 My 2ND TBI was in the Spring of 2009.
 It was on the same side of my
 head & in almost the same place.
 From the 1st I lost all short-term
 memory, recall & all of what
 coordination I had. The 2ND TBI
 further compounded the 1st & I
 lost alot of the coordination
 that I had gained back!

this facility is so needed in
this county!! Templeton would be
 an EXCELLENT location as the
 people are so caring there & 101
 access is easy.

Thank you —
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 Dennis M. MERLO

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debbie ARNOLD
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May 23, 2015

To: San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission

RE: Proposed Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton

Dear Commissioners:

I have lived in Paso Robles for 24 years and am writing in strong support of the proposed mental health facility in Templeton. I am a licensed clinical psychologist who has worked with the seriously mentally ill 35 years, including for nine years at Patton State Hospital in southern California and 10 years at the California Men's Colony.

The anonymous flier distributed by a group of Templeton residents is full of scare tactics and misinformation. E.g., the assertion that the facility will "pose risks to public safety countywide" is a widespread myth about the mentally ill. Mental illness can affect any one of us at any time. Numerous research studies have demonstrated that the mentally ill as a group are no more prone to violence than the general population. The only exception to this finding is a very small group who experience psychotic symptoms when not receiving appropriate medication. Thus, if anything, it is the *absence* of a psychiatric facility that puts county residents in danger, not its presence.

Moreover, a mental health facility that provides ongoing services is sorely needed in this County. Last year alone, more than 350 county residents had to go to other counties, away from their families and support systems, to get appropriate psychiatric treatment. Often people are catapulted into crisis because of the re-emergence of early trauma issues or other severe stressors which are out of their control. While the County's crisis team puts forth an admirable effort to help those in acute crisis, there is no place to obtain treatment once someone is determined not to fit the narrow criteria for a 5150 commitment. The result is that they are often released with nowhere to go, just at a time when they most need help to process what they are experiencing. This makes them vulnerable to suicide and substance abuse, and places a severe burden on their families.

In addition, it is my understanding that the area proposed for the facility is located in a medical/hospital related use zone, and is consistent with the type of project encouraged in the General Plan. I can think of nothing that is more desperately needed in this county than such a facility. I hope the planning commission will research this project thoroughly and base its decision on merit and need rather than public misconceptions.

Sincerely

Jay Adams, Ph.D.

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May 6, 2015

By email: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us

SLO County Planning Department
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Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

Subject: Proposed Behavioral Health Hospital, Las Tablas Road, Templeton

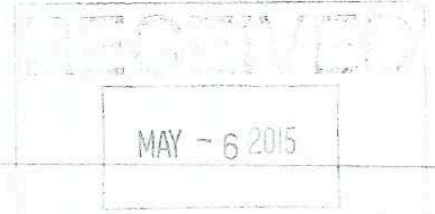
We are presently neutral on the proposed project providing that infrastructure and conditions of approval assure the safe operation of the facility and mitigation of local impacts.

1. The County should consult with medical and management experts familiar with this type of facility to assure that conditions of approval and the facilities operational plan meet current best management practices.
2. Mitigation for all local infrastructure impacts should be part of the final approval process if the County intends to approve the project.
3. Of special concern are traffic impacts. Las Tablas is seeing increased traffic. It is not enough to say the traffic impacts are within existing capacity. Every project big or small has incremental impacts. As such, each project should contribute mitigation to offset its incremental impacts. Otherwise, at some point, a future project exceeds existing capacity. However, that project can not be forced to make major improvements that greatly exceed its incremental impact. I have seen this scenario play out many times over my career in California County Government. I believe this project should, as with all other projects, be conditioned to contribute fees or make improvements that will mitigate its impacts now and into the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard Lashbrook

Patricia Watters



May 1, 2015

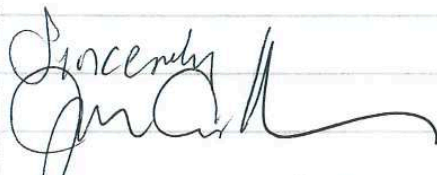
Mo County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Otto St. # 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

Dear Ms. Phipps -

This letter is in response to the proposed Long Scale Psychiatric Health Facility proposed in Templeton, CA.

I am completely opposed to such a development. Part of the attraction is Templeton is living in a "small town". It continues to slowly grow, however a facility of this magnitude is unnecessary in a small town of ours.

Please do not allow such a development in our community.

Sincerely,

Concern Citizen

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Hillary Wells](#)
To: hphippis@co.slo.ca.us; rhedgcs@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: letter of concern
Date: 05/03/2015 06:15 PM

I would like to say "No, Thank You" to the proposed psychiatric health facility for Templeton, Ca. I really love our town and would hate to see a development that would do more harm than good to our community evolve here. People have built careers, lives and families in Templeton and it seems unfair to bring this "mess" into our home. These developers should develop in their own cites. We are really fortunate to live where we live, we CHOSE here, we are not CHOOSING for a facility that will crowd and cause chaos to our hospital, ER and current health amenities. Destruction to our neighborhood and streets. Safety concerns for our children and families, and tarnish to our quaint little town. Templeton has always been where I wanted to live, and I am so thankful I do. Please consider the side effects of this build, it doesn't belong HERE. Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Resident of Templeton

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Cassius Allison](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed behavioral hospital
Date: 05/03/2015 04:52 PM

Sorry my last e-mail suffered a cyber-space edit.
I am not very good with this contraption.
My basic concerns are that they are trying to sell this hospital as secure
and that is a false premise.
The part about financial need is questionable because the Board of
Supervisors closed our county facility based on cost. Harry Ovit said it
was costing the people of our county too much money to keep it open.

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Youngdale](#)
To: Hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 05/02/2015 05:13 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

I'd like to voice my strong opposition to the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton. If you would like further explanation of my many reasons, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Christie Youngdale
Resident – Templeton, CA

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Elaine Mattson](#)
To: hphippis@co.slo.ca.us; rhedoes@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_aie@yahoo.com
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 05/02/2015 08:09 AM

I am firmly opposed to this facility coming to Templeton for all the obvious reasons.

It is not appropriate in this neighborhood.

Elaine Mattson

ATTACHMENT 9

From: Scott Scott
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; hphipp@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 05/01/2015 06:40 PM

I am a longtime resident of Templeton and I want to let you know that I DO NOT want this facility to be placed in Templeton. Templeton is ill-suited to this type of hospital. No matter what the promoters say, the facility will attract emotionally and mentally troubled people to this town. The effects of such a concentration of people who are dependent on County and State services on a small community and its schools will be significant.

Templeton does not have a Police Department to deal with the inevitable problems which will be imported from around the area. Our schools are small and will be disproportionately affected by the influx of minors suffering from various emotional and mental problems. We have no County mental health staff to deal with the overflow from the facility.

This is NOT the right place for this facility. Put it in SLO where the imported problems can be handled by existing infrastructure.

Thanks for listening.

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Scott C. Scott/TRC Ranch
805.440.6309

ATTACHMENT 9

From: colleenmsweeney@commspeed.net
To: [Holly Phipps](#)
Subject: New Behavioral Center
Date: 05/01/2015 01:41 PM

Hi Holly,
I live in Templeton and am very supportive of this facility.
I realize it is a ways away, but I would be interested when they begin to recruit for employment.
I have 2 years experience with children at NPI UCLA also I have 6 years with adolescents and 10 years of experience with adults and two years management.
Currently I am employed with a chemical dependency unit in Lompoc (veterans) and will be working at ASH soon.
If you have access any information down the line, please let me know.
Thank You,
Colleen Sweeney RN

From: [Diana Hulburd](#)
Reply To: [Diana Hulburd](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 05/01/2015 01:04 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

I have recently become aware of the proposed mental health facility in Templeton. This is a small rural community with limited educational, safety and behavioral health specialist resources. It is clear that this project is not appropriate in this rural setting. The traffic congestion is already strained on Las Tablas Rd in the mornings and evenings as people travel to and from work, patients travel to and from the hospital and /or medical clinics, and children and parents travel to nearby schools. Many children are on foot. To add to the burden without requesting that the developer build alternative new roads to ease the congestion is of concern.

Templeton does not have sufficient sufficient public safety personnel should a crisis arise at this facility. By the time the different public safety departments decide who is responsible, the response time can be excessive. I've waited over twenty minutes for suspicious people on my property. I have had strangers living on my property and the sheriff is unable to do anything about it.

The buffer zone between schools and housing is insufficient. Who will guarantee the safety of these residents should a patient be released voluntarily or involuntarily within the community? I would like to know where similar facilities are located and what kind of buffer zones exist between housing and schools. There are many children living and playing on that road.

Who will pay the cost to educate school age patients? Our property taxes are already high and our schools are struggling. Does it come out of the annual profits of the facility? Residents who do not want the facility should not have to bear the burden.

Does Templeton really need such a large mental health facility? This small town should not have to bear the intrusion of patients and traffic from other counties. This community and the county already does not have sufficient mental health specialists to take care of patients seeking help. It is very difficult to find mental health providers in all of San Luis Obispo County. Where will all of the new providers be coming from? I strongly urge the Planning Commission and County Supervisors to oppose this facility. I do not believe for one minute that the developer is concerned about patients not having access to mental health services or any type of medical service for that matter. This is not about the stigma of mental health care, it is about the **appropriate use of land in a small rural community. An environmental impact study must be mandatory.**

Thank you,
Diana Vanderlip

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ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Vanessa Queen](#)
To: [darnold@co.slo.ca.us](#); [hphipp@co.slo.ca.us](#); [rhedges@co.slo.ca.us](#); [dclarue_air@yahoo.com](#); [fmecham@co.slo.ca.us](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed Behavioral Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 05/01/2015 09:43 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this email is to make you aware of our strong opposition to the proposed acute behavioral health facility out of town developers are trying to force into Templeton. The city council and citizens already have their opinion once and voted the facility down. As long time residents of Templeton, it is very distressing that this facility could be bringing in patients from out of town and out of county to be treated and possibly released without any services in place to deal with them. Templeton simply does not have the resources or size to deal with such a facility.

Please share our opposition with all members of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. This is NOT a project that should even be considered for Templeton. For the developers to go against the citizens wishes and take this to the next level goes to show the type of people you are dealing with. They are pushing their agenda (and paychecks). They don't care about the town or its wishes.

Thank you,
Vanessa and Dustin Queen

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Betty Gutierrez](#)
Reply To: [Betty Gutierrez](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Concerned Templeton Residents
Date: 04/30/2015 04:07 PM

I am writing to express my great concern regarding the building of a proposed psychiatric health facility in my neighborhood in Templeton. My husband and I are retired and moved to Templeton, specifically to be closer to our grandchildren who live right behind Twin Cities Hospital and attend Templeton Schools. By all accounts, this facility will not benefit our community in any way. This facility is not designed to help our local people and will only pose a health and safety threat if it is built. As I understand it, there will be 96 beds, housing patients who have been imported from several outside counties. Have them build it in one of these outside counties. Templeton is a small unincorporated community, that doesn't have a city council and The Templeton Area Advisory Group has many concerns. Please do not allow this project to move forward. There are too many risks to our residents and no benefits. Thank you,
Samuel and Elizabeth Gutierrez

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Kathvy Mooney](#)
Reply To: [Kathvy Mooney](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Attn: Holly Phipps, Rm. 300-RE:Psych. Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/30/2015 04:07 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps:
SLO County Planning & Building Dept.

I am a long time resident of Templeton. I have seen the population growth over the past 35 years, however, this is STILL a small town. We have limited resources and services.

This proposed Psychiatric Health Facility is definitely the wrong project in the extremely wrong location! I am not alone in this concern for my town and my neighbors and neighborhood. I can not stress strongly enough how bad this is for this area. The location is ill perceived and the north county is ill equipped to handle the influx of people that these "Out of Town" developers want to lay on us.

Please take my opinion seriously. I am not the only one with this opinion.
Please review this project and reject it, in its entirety.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Kathy Mooney
Templeton home owner.

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [L Baum](#)
To: hphippis@co.slo.ca.us; rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: OPPOSED TO TEMPLETON MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY
Date: 04/30/2015 04:07 PM

I reside in the area around the proposed facility in the Templeton School District. I have a large parcel and I pay HUGE taxes and assessments and I VOTE!!!. I am completely opposed in every way.

This is bad for our community. Templeton is not a dumping ground for density and projects opposed by other communities. It is your duty to protect our community and property values!

Thank you.

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Lisa Baum
1555 Indian Camp Road
Templeton, CA 93465

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ATTACHMENT 9

From: goldthom@aol.com
To:
Bcc: [Holly Phipps](#)
Subject: Psychiatric health facility in Templeton
Date: 04/30/2015 04:06 PM

I am writing as a concerned citizen and mother who lives within two short blocks of the proposed large scale psychiatric health facility proposed in Templeton on Las Tablas Road.

I see this as a danger to our community from standpoints of dangerous patients released and entering the neighborhood, traffic issues, thousands of patients in and out per year in our small town, and potential dangers to our children from these individuals.

A facility of this type would be far better in an area that is not directly in the middle of neighborhoods, and a nearby park with one main artery in and out for automobile traffic and foot traffic. Our children walk home from school directly in front of this proposed site. It will decrease our property values too because new buyers will not want to be purchasing near this facility. We moved to Templeton for the neighborhood and schools. The new buyers will want to avoid it.

No one will gain from this project. This is not even a local developer. Please do not allow them to build this facility in our neighborhood. Help us to keep our children safe!

Thank you,
Karen Thomas-local Templeton home owner

From: [Margie Couch](#)
To: hphippis@co.slo.ca.us; rheddes@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Psychiatric Facility
Date: 04/28/2015 06:38 AM

To all it may concern,

I am writing to express my extreme concern and opposition against the large-scale psychiatric health facility which has been proposed here in our small and peaceful community of Templeton. It is without regard by the Carmel based owner/developer to build such a facility with high volume and unsteady patients who will released into our neighborhoods near our schools and parks. There is a huge risk in having these transient mental health patients wandering our streets with nowhere to go once released.

PLEASE do NOT allow this type of facility into our local community. It is NOT a local project nor does it fit into our residential community.

Sincerely,
Margie Couch
Templeton resident for 23 years

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Katy K.](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Templeton Psychiatric Health Facility
Date: 04/27/2015 01:38 PM

Dear Supervisors and Planners,
Please do all that you can to help the citizens of this tiny community of Templeton. Whoever thought of our small town for this facility had only their own profits in mind. The facility is much larger per capita than similar statewide facilities, and will be used to import patients from other outside counties. There are few mental health resources in this community to help our own citizens as it is. These patients will not be people with minor problems. This will be a locked down facility which could process up to 6,500 patients a year. Just 1,000 under the population of Templeton. The negative impact on the safety of the citizens in our tiny community would be a major issue. And just when property values are finally starting to stabilize here with most foreclosures off the market, think of what this would do to the values now. A facility such as this would not even be considered in San Francisco neighborhoods where we moved to Templeton from. Who is supporting this ill thought out, dangerous idea?

Sincerely,
Kay Kartsioukas
990 Herdsman Way
Templeton, CA

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Carla Richelle Emanuelson](#)
To: hphippis@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Concerns Regarding: Psychiatric Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/27/2015 11:56 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a long time resident of Templeton, I currently travel Las Tables Road on a daily basis taking my daughter to school along with hundreds of other parents. I was informed about this proposed facility and could not believe that this would even be a consideration for our little town, especially so close to our schools this will cause huge risks to our kids! We can not have unstable psychiatric patients wondering around our neighborhoods.

This will also effect our property value and cause a huge traffic congestion issue for daily travelers and emergency vehicles needing access to the hospital. The traffic is already out of control as it is.

I ask everyone involved in the decision making to please reconsider your placement of this location and do not put this in our little town.

Thank you,
Carla R Emanuelson

From: [Lynn Israeli](#)
To: hphippis@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: dclarue-air@yahoo.com; rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Mental Health Facility Project in Templeton
Date: 04/26/2015 11:47 AM

April 26, 2015

225 Spanish Oaks Lane

Templeton, CA 93465

lisraelit@att.net

Dear SLO Planning & Building Department:

I am writing to express my deepest concerns regarding the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital project that would be built in Templeton.

As a physician, I am adamantly opposed to building such a large psychiatric facility in our small and relatively rural community. This is clearly an effort to build an unwanted psychiatric hospital in our town where land is less expensive and there are fewer residents to oppose it. You may be aware that there is currently a mental health patient crisis in our Western states, with certain towns actually paying for bus fare and arranging tickets for patients to be transported out of their catchment area to other areas for treatment. * In my opinion, the proposed Templeton project is an attempt for other areas to dump their problem patients in our community instead of keeping them in larger, more densely-populated regions. I find it hard to believe that our entire county could possibly require a 96-bed mental health hospital for our residents. This is completely unethical and I feel we should block this project through any means available. Any financial gain to our town will be vastly outweighed by added problems.

In my experience, I have seen that many patients are discharged from mental hospitals without adequate support or transportation home. That is just the financial reality of mental health care today. Many patients end up "hanging out" in the area around the hospital after discharge, either because they don't have family who take them home, or because they do not have housing or a support system to start with. This inevitably leads to homeless populations, trash, crime, and open drug use. To add to the problem, Templeton does not have the social services or infrastructure to handle this imported population after discharge. There is not even a County Behavioral Health or Drug Rehab Clinic locally.

SLO county is a beautiful, peaceful, quiet area of our state that many of us are very happy to call home. Please don't let this project irrevocably alter that. I beg you not to let our county be taken advantage of by outside interests.

Sincerely,

Lynn Israelit, MD

* see: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/investigations/nevada-patient-busing/article2577189.html>

From: [John Hoopes](#)
Reply To: [John Hoopes](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/26/2015 08:43 AM

I am writing in opposition to the large scale psychiatric health facility that is being proposed for Templeton.

They are proposing a facility that is nearly the size of Twin Cities Hospital making it much larger than similar facilities state wide. Templeton does not have the infrastructure to accommodate such a large facility.

Patients from outside the area will have to be imported to fill the proposed facility.

This is a lock-down facility that will have a high volume of patients due to the 5-14 day stay with little to no infrastructure to service the patients after their stay.

A smaller lock-down ward at an existing hospital within the county makes more sense.

John and Nancy Hoopes

From: [Patricia Abernathy](#)
Reply To: [Patricia Abernathy](#)
To: Hphippis@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; rhedges@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Mental Health Hospital
Date: 04/23/2015 03:05 PM

I am a 25 year resident of Templeton and I want to express my support for the proposed Mental Health Facility. I am disappointed in the comments that have come from TAAG and want to let you know that not all residents feel as they do. There is a need for such a facility, particularly one that provides care for both adolescent and geriatric patients. The fact that it is being built by a company from out of the area only reflects that no one from this area stepped up to provided the financing and planning for such a facility. It is planned for a location that already has a hospital and many medical services so it fits into the character of the area. The development should be subject to county regulations on parking, congestion, etc as any development would be but the scare tactics of TAAG should not prevent support for the proposed mental health facility. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

P Jonesie Abernathy
abernathysj@sbcglobal.net

From: [Kelly Cook](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility-Templeton
Date: 04/23/2015 03:03 PM

Good afternoon,

I am a resident of Templeton with currently 2 little girls and a boy on the way. We did not move to Templeton to be taken over by a psychiatric facility of this sort. I can list 100 reasons why this is not suitable for Templeton but I am a firm believer that we are all educated people, who can tell when a duck is a duck. Templeton does not have the services or support for this type of facility, nor the need. If it absolutely must be located in our county, this facility is better suited for the property where the boys school used to be in Paso Robles. They do not need to be across from a hospital, as the prisons bring inmates to Templeton for services, however the prison is not located here. The developer, unfortunately is pushing for this project at this location because he owns the property. If he were really concerned about the best spot for it, he would use his common sense and put it where it makes more sense; ie the Central Valley or further north where the patients really are located. I'm just a mom, a banker and a business owner who knows this community and this facility does not belong here, just as you all are well aware.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kelly Cook
Accounts Payable / Admin.
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From: marjorie.curtsinger
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Behavioral Health Facility/Templeton
Date: 04/23/2015 10:52 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

As a Templeton home owner/tax payer, I am astonished at your plan to approve the building of a large scale psychiatric health facility basically across the street from my home in a residential area.

As you are well aware of the concerns of Templeton residents regarding the negative effects of such a facility in our small community, I will not delineate them here.

I am very opposed to this plan...for whatever that is worth.

Marjorie Curtsinger
185 Mocking Bird Lane
Templeton,

From: [CM Powers](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Behavioral Health Hospital Facility Consideration For Templeton
Date: 04/21/2015 01:21 PM
Importance: High

April 21, 2015

FAO: Ms. Holly Phipps
SLO County Planning & Building Dept.

Re: Large-Scale Psychiatric Health Facility

Dear Ms. Phipps,

This letter is to voice concern, a deep and urgent concern, about the proposed psychiatric facility in the Las Tablas area.

We moved to Templeton from Santa Barbara because 1) we have adult children and grandchildren living here and 2) Santa Barbara has become so impacted, while Templeton is still open, quaint, free from corporate chains, possessing an excellent school system, and highly desirable for new families and business.

The proposed project is all wrong for Templeton. Everything that you could name as to why Templeton is enjoying a strong renaissance as a highly-desired California community will be placed aside if this project goes through -- and Templeton will become an insignificant town with a stigma and avoidance, as its markers.

There is absolutely no good reason for Templeton to be the dumping ground for this unfortunate project.

The reason Atascadero State Hospital could not accommodate these patients is unclear, but the fact that patients will be private-pay, and without the usual prerequisite of mandatory state-sponsored post-release follow-up and programs, is reason enough that this project should not go through in such a small community. Wealth and privilege do not guarantee civilized or sane behavior; one need only be reminded of exceptionally bright University of Washington law student, Ted Bundy; no one suspected such a well-heeled, well-dressed, well-educated young man to be a mass-murderer of young women.

The risks of this proposed project to the small, peaceful, and hopeful community of Templeton are incalculable: as an unincorporated small town between Atascadero and Paso Robles, there is absolutely no infrastructure for this project. This project requires a city large enough to have full-service social services programs; public transportation for medicinal impairment; homeless facilities and half-way houses; and substantial fire and law enforcement capacities -- and Templeton has none of these. Additionally, as a whole, this facility would not be servicing members of our own community or our returning veterans.

As one might hear in Big Bang Theory, *"In what universe would this be a good idea?"*

Please, do not allow this project to go forward. It's wrong for Templeton, it's wrong for the immediate region, and it's wrong for the people needing such services and who require placement in a city that can provide for and meet their specific needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

C. Mary Powers
Templeton, CA

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Debra Frye](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_aie@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Psychiatric Health Facility
Date: 04/21/2015 11:57 AM

This letter of concern is written to voice my OPPOSITION to the proposed Psychiatric Health Facility.

The reasons for my opposition are:

1. Increased traffic on Las Tablas Road, an already heavily traveled, congested road.
2. More development in our area, which we do NOT need, especially in current drought conditions.
3. Don't need anymore mentally unstable people in our small town.

I live in the subdivision directly behind Twin Cities Hospital. I oppose this development.

Thank you.

Debra Frye
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From: frmjeri2u@aol.com
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility Proposal: Templeton
Date: 04/21/2015 10:35 AM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

As a resident of Templeton, I am writing to STRONGLY discourage you from regarding the proposed psychiatric health facility as a favorable, viable project in my community.

As a homeowner who lives off of Las Tablas Road, and within a mile of the proposed facility, I am astounded by the logically unsound, repetitive comments about this project being a good fit within the 'medical corridor' of Templeton. Yes, we have medical facilities within our community district, but that is a far cry from being a destination provider of medical services; specifically, an exceptionally large scale psychiatric facility that is primarily designed to serve patients not local to our community.

The proposal is a poor fit, and should be denied. Templeton is a bedroom community with minimal support infrastructure, and as a person who walks daily, I can attest to the lack of transportation services (we no longer even have bus services for our school age children) that impact the number of children who use Las Tablas Road, twice a day, to get to both the elementary school and the high school. Couple that with the existing Park and Ride, also on Las Tablas Road, which houses one of our only RTA bus stops, and you have a spot which will encourage loitering. (At approximately 500 yards away from the proposed facility, it is the nearest place for individuals to congregate to if they are released without a ride, unless, of course, they choose to walk to Bethel Park which is less than 750 yards away).

Mark my words. That IS what will happen. I live here. I know. (Amazing what you see when you get out of your car and are part of daily life here.)

I'm curious. Can you guarantee the safety of residents who will be forced to pass by the facility and its patients as they are, by virtue of Templeton's roads, herded down THE ONLY path between Las Tablas Road West and Las Tablas Road East?

The residents of Templeton stand to be impacted negatively by the proposed psychiatric facility. This isn't about eye exams or broken bones or hearing tests, this is about mental health issues so significant that they may require inpatient treatment. A community services district of less than 11,000 residents is not the place for such a facility.

I recognize that the proposed psychiatric health facility is intended to be dumped in our community not because it's in Templeton's best interests to have it here, but because the developer is hoping for a return on his investment at Templeton's expense.

Do not make the mistake of approving this project.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeryl Luther
135 Hawley Street
Templeton, CA 93465

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From: [Elizabeth Wright](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility
Date: 04/19/2015 07:29 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

My family and I are completely opposed to the proposed mental health facility in Templeton. Templeton is not the place for a facility like the one being proposed. It is too large for this small town, we will be importing patients from all around, the traffic will increase, which is already congested. These are just a few of the problems with this project. I also believe it will draw a criminal element to the area. It would be located right next to residential neighborhoods because our town is so small. I think it's ridiculous to even consider Templeton as a location for such a project. It's a burden on the whole town in many ways. This sounds like a facility that would be much better in a large city. There are many options for them to choose from. The owner's can make their money elsewhere. For those of you who have a vote in this, please vote no on the proposed psychiatric health facility.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Wright
Templeton Resident

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From: [Melanie Hanrahan](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Psychiatric Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/19/2015 07:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Melanie Hanrahan
Templeton Resident

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From: [Frank Mecham](#)
Sent By: [Vicki Shelby](#)
To: [Holly Phipps](#)
Subject: Fw: My approval of he psychiatric health facility
Date: 04/21/2015 08:24 AM

Frank R. Mecham
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From: Rosie Alderson <aldersons2000@yahoo.com>
To: "fmecham@co.slo.ca.us" <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 04/21/2015 08:21 AM
Subject: My approval of he psychiatric health facility

Hello Frank. This is Sam Alderson. I think the facility SHOULD be built as planned near Twin Cities Hospital. It makes sense. Thank you. Love ONE TOOTH

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From: [Julie Williams](#)
Reply To: [Julie Williams](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us; rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: [Steve Williams](#); [Betty Gutierrez](#); [Julie Williams](#)
Subject: Concerned Templeton Residents
Date: 04/30/2015 04:07 PM

I am writing to express my great concern regarding the building of a proposed psychiatric health facility in my neighborhood in Templeton. My husband and I have lived in Templeton for several years. We have 5 children who have, are currently or will graduate from Templeton Schools. My husband grew up in Templeton and graduated from Templeton High School. We have a long history in this beautiful community and cannot sit by while the county allows this project to happen.

We live behind Twin Cities Hospital. Within the last year, Twin Cities had a mentally unstable man decide to pull out his IV and leave the hospital. He ended up in our backyard, naked, arms covered in blood with a rock bar in his hand, coming up our hill. My husband was running down the hill, not knowing what the situation was, but willing to protect his family, when luckily the staff from the hospital got to our back fence and screamed to him that the man was not a threat.

This proposed facility CANNOT happen. Please do not allow this project to move forward. There are too many risks to our residents and no benefits.

Thank you,
Julie Williams

From: [Rosemary Dexter](#)
To: Hhipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Mental Health Hospital
Date: 04/30/2015 04:07 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

As a concerned member of Atascadero since 1981, I have seen and heard of many situations where mental diagnosis and treatment have been needed . As I have heard and been reading about this proposed Mental Health Hospital in Templeton it seems to me to be a perfect fit for this area. The property is in a medical setting. The plans for the care of patients is well thought out . There should be no need to fear the people who would benefit from this facility. They will be our neighbors of all ages. We especially need to think of the children who will be helped. Please, give your consent and blessing for this project.

Rosemary Dexter
8455 Santa Rosa Rd.
Atascadero, CA 93422

To whom it may concern:

4/22/15

There is a project scheduled to break ground in 2015 that I am both deeply concerned about and I highly oppose it in my town.

There is a large scale psychiatric health facility being proposed in my residential neighborhood of Templeton, CA 93465.

This project will impact our community in several areas.

1. This will lower my property value
2. Transient mental health patients will influx here from other counties.
3. This increases risk for public safety.
4. Released patients will end up being homeless on the streets of Templeton increasing risk and safety to residents of Templeton.
5. Increased traffic congestion in an area already congested enough. Las Tablas is the only road to get to the hospital and a lot of medical offices for residents of Templeton and surrounding areas. A 96 bed facility requires a lot of staff who will be commuting to work in an already way too congested area.
6. Increased burden on our already record low water tables. Where is the water going to come from for this large facility for staff and patients? That is a lot of patients whom will need toilet facilities, bathing facilities. That is also a lot of staff who will require water to clean and cook and wash hands frequently. Frankly, we don't have enough water for this facility to be built.
7. This facility is way too close to homes, parks and our schools.
8. This facility has already said that they will have a high turn-over rate of patients.....most released within 14 days. Where will they be RELEASED? In my backyard with my family? Homeless on our streets and harassing our residents?
9. This will increase homeless and pan-handling and I also believe more illegal drug use will influx our small community of families.

Don't let this happen to our community. We moved to Templeton in 1988 for a reason for the small, safe town that it was.

This Carmel-based land developer is only doing this for money to line his pockets. He has already stated he plans to sell the facility for millions of dollars to a company not involved or responsive to our small community once the facility is completed. This is all about money for him. He is not thinking about the residents of Templeton, CA Let him build this facility in Carmel in HIS backyard so he can deal with all of the repercussions of it. Let him allow the

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released patients to live on the streets in HIS backyard. Let HIS hometown have an influx of traffic, increased water/sewer bills and illegal drugs on HIS streets.

Please do NOT allow this facility to be built in our community. It is a really bad idea for so many reasons. It is not right for this community. And with California so low on water quite frankly, it is not right for anywhere in our state at this time. We do not need to add to the water shortage. We've been asked to CONSERVE, CONSERVE, CONSERVE. Then we were forced to decrease landscaping watering to alternate days. Then our rates increased! WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WATER! STOP THE BUILDING!

FUTHERMORE THERE ARE 400 HOMES BEING BUILT IN TEMPLETON WHERE THE OLD STOCK YARDS WERE ON MAIN STREET. WHERE IS THAT WATER COMING FROM? NEW CONSTRUCTION AND NEW RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO BLEED US COMPLETELY DRY. STOP THE NEW CONSTRUCTION. WHO THE HELL IS APPROVING ALL THIS? AND WHY?

Sincerely,

Deborah Constantine

A concerned resident of Templeton, CA

April 21, 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been a resident of Templeton with my husband for 9 years. We are raising two children, ages 6 and 3 years old. I am writing this letter to voice my concern about the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton. I was very surprised to learn that this facility may still be approved after it was very clear that the residents of Templeton, as well as the Templeton Area Advisory Group, had many valid concerns about this project.

I would like you to know that I am in no way against providing help for the mentally ill. I have family members who are bi-polar, schizophrenic, and many who suffer from anxiety, including myself. I believe that mental health is every bit as important as physical health. That being said, I feel that building this type of facility in Templeton would be putting these patients at a disadvantage and setting them up for failure, while at the same time, putting residents at risk. Templeton is a very small community that lacks the social services and infrastructure that many of these patients would desperately need once their hospital stay ends. Let's be realistic about what will happen if this hospital is built. They will accept 5150 patients and they will accept them from other counties. What will these patients do after their release? There is no homeless shelter, no half-way house, no social services. That right there is a huge red flag. It makes me wonder if Templeton was specifically chosen because of the fact that we are a community, not a city, and it's easier for projects like this to be pushed through.

I would also like to point out that back when this project was made public I decided to research Vizion Health. That research led me to a webpage that only provided a phone number. In this day and age, I find that to be unacceptable and very questionable. At the meetings that were held back in November, the CEO of Vizion Health seemed very unprepared for the many valid concerns the residents of Templeton had for him. He even flat out chose to not answer when a resident asked him if he would like to have this type of facility so close to where his children walked to school.

Templeton is a one of a kind town with so many wonderful people. This facility has really stirred the pot and forced some uncomfortable conversations for many, but we can all agree that the treatment of mental health is important. However, providing a place for these patients to go upon release is equally important and seems to be

overlooked by so many. Templeton just does not have the resources these patients will need. Let's not forget that Templeton only has a volunteer Fire Department and no local police.

I beg of you to use common sense with this project. Why is the owner/developer trying so hard to built this project in Templeton? Why not seek out another site that will benefit the patient to the fullest extent?

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Best Regards,

Vanessa Tolley

From: Beau Davis
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us; rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Objection to Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/20/2015 09:50 PM

To all concerned,

As a recent resident of Templeton, I wanted to voice my displeasure at learning about the psychiatric health facility currently being planned in my area. I live at 15 Suncrest Dr, and my neighborhood will bear the brunt of the pain caused by this building.

Notice of the plans have been poorly explained and public information nearly non-existent until a few concerned citizens started informing the rest of us about the terms of this facility. Prior to purchasing my home, the only information provided was that the facility likely would be home to Alzheimer patients undergoing treatment. I had no idea mentally disturbed individuals from multiple counties would be trucked in to this area.

Very simply, this is a terrible idea that will lead to patients being released with no one to pick them up, creating an alarming up-swell of homeless people that will ruin our community. I moved to this neighborhood to have a good place to raise my newborn daughter, and the last thing we need is a poorly secured facility that will allow the mentally unstable to wander our neighborhood and endanger our families. Do not permit this to continue.

Sincerely,

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From: [Anne Wilson](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Mental Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/20/2015 01:18 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Templeton is my home. I have lived here since 1991, and my husband bought our house new in 1988. We live on Mockingbird Lane, which turns on to Las Tablas Road right at the open field where the proposed mental health facility will be built. We have great neighbors, several who have also lived here since the houses were new. Many are families with children, some of whom have moved here specifically in order for their kids to be able to go to school in Templeton. Our plan was to retire here, among our friends and neighbors. It is a great place to call home.

Unfortunately, we are rethinking this with the possibility of a mental health facility being built right at the end of our street. We live in a place where we feel safe, leave our shades open at night. No need for alarm systems or extreme protective measures. I can't imagine living somewhere where I don't feel safe. But the idea that someone (and it will only take one!) can walk right up into my neighborhood from that facility is unnerving, to say the least. I understand that a facility like this is needed. I don't understand the choice of location. It is surrounded by residential areas. We have no real public transportation or public services for anyone when they leave that facility. We don't have our own police department. It's a small town, and the population here does not support a facility of this size. It should be placed in an area that has the services to support the patients when they are ready to leave.

I grew up in Atascadero. I love to travel, and have had the opportunity to meet people from all over the country. Most of them don't seem to know where Templeton is, but when you mention Atascadero, do you know what they say? "Isn't that the place with the State Hospital?" That is what Atascadero is known for. Sad, but true. I had always imagined Templeton as a little Cambria or Paso Robles.... more of a tourist destination in wine country. Having this facility here will change all that. No longer will we be known for great schools and wineries.

I know this sounds selfish. Again, I do realize that a mental health facility is needed. But this particular project seems more about money than a well thought out plan to help people. The land owner has been trying to sell that property for as long as I can remember, and the developer has no vested interest in our community or what's best for those of us who call this place home. Let me ask you this.... Would you want something like this in your neighborhood? I don't think so.

I hope you really consider the will of the residents of Templeton when you make your final decision.

Sincerely,

Anne Wilson

From: Robert Haas
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; daenold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility
Date: 04/20/2015 12:28 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,
I am writing to discourage the County Planning Commission from approving the proposed Templeton facility.
It would damage the community because of:

- Introducing risks associated with transient mental health patients.
- Suffering from a lack of social services and infrastructure in Templeton for released patients.
- The inability of released patients to find County Behavioral Health or Drug Rehabilitation Clinics locally.
- Increasing traffic congestion on Las Tablas and neighborhood roads and probably impacting vehicles coming and going from the Twin Cities Hospital.
- The congestion being insufferable during the construction phase.
- Increased use of scarce fresh water and problems for disposal of waste water.

And just in general, why put this facility in a tightly inhabited residential neighborhood?

Sincerely,
Robert and Barbara Haas
1490 Ridge Road
Templeton

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From: [Thomas Wright](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility
Date: 04/20/2015 09:42 AM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

Templeton is not the place for a facility like the one being proposed. It is too large for this small town, among many other problems it would bring. My family and I have lived here for a quarter century, and we plan on living here much longer. And with as hard as I've worked to have a home here in Templeton, I don't want my property value going down. The project belongs in a large city. It makes no sense to have it here. Look further north or south and there are many large cities where it would make much more sense to build the facility. Templeton does not have the infrastructure to handle this facility. The traffic is already too much for the area. I have said that to my wife for a while now, long before ever hearing about this project, so having a large facility built will make it that much more congested. Please say no to the proposed psychiatric health facility.

Thank you,

Tom Wright
Templeton Resident

April 1, 2015

Dear Supervisor and Legislative Assistants,

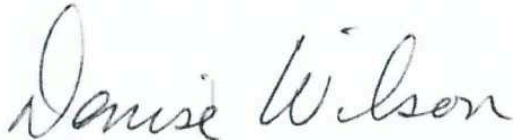
I am writing in support of the new behavioral health facility proposed to be built in Templeton. A facility of this kind is desperately needed in our county to serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens who are experiencing acute mental health issues and need intensive in patient care. There is no facility of this 'kind' in our county and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need.

We have four very good family friends that have boys with mental disabilities, so we do understand there is a great need for a facility in this area.

Ann Robin, San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Administrator reported recently that she was unable to serve more than 3515 patients last year, many of them children. These patients had to be sent out of county to treatment facilities. When patients have to travel, the move presents both a challenge to those providing care and a strain on family members. It is very difficult for family members and loved ones to be part of treatment plans in facilities that may be in LA, Santa Rosa, 'San Mateo, Ventura or' Santa Barbara.

NAMI reports that one in four adults will suffer a mental illness in their lifetime and will need to seek help. We presently have 16 beds in our county to serve a population of 270,000 people. This is clearly not enough. We have an opportunity to build a facility in our county to serve the needs of the people who live here and need help. Please do everything you can to help this hospital get built.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Wilson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop for the 'D' and a long, sweeping tail for the 'n'.

Denise Wilson
2090 Laguna Negra Ln
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

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From: Vicki Shelby
To: Elizabeth Wright
Cc: Holly Phipps; Frank Mecham
Subject: Re: Fw: Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 05/05/2015 10:01 AM

Dear Ms. Wright,

Thank you for your comments regarding this proposed facility. We are forwarding your email to the County Planner for this application as this will be heard by the Planning Commission before it comes to the Board of Supervisors.

Vicki M. (Shelby) Fogleman
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"Thinking a smile all the time will keep your face youthful" - Frank G. Burgess
"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been" - Mark Twain

▼ Frank Mecham---05/05/2015 09:50:16 AM---Frank R. Mecham District 1 Supervisor

From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO
To: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 05/05/2015 09:50 AM
Subject: Fw: Behavioral Health Hospital
Sent by: Vicki Shelby

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From: Elizabeth Wright <veryhappy@thegrid.net>
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 05/05/2015 09:30 AM
Subject: Behavioral Health Hospital

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Templeton Resident

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From: C Tucker
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility, Templeton, CA
Date: 04/18/2015 09:30 AM

Dear Ms. Phipps: I am a resident of Templeton. I and my husband are extremely concerned about the proposed 96 bed Psychiatric hospital in Templeton. This is a completely inappropriate facility for a town the size of Templeton. It is almost as large as the hospital. The developer has no ties to the area and may well sell the facility after it is built to who knows who.

Property values in the immediate area will be severely affected, including Peterson Ranch. We do not live near the hospital, but a project of this size will have a negative effect on the entire town: Fire and Police, increased traffic. There are no half-way houses or social services available in Templeton; no drug rehab facilities or County Behavioral health services.

This project would be a disaster for Templeton. It is inappropriate in size and scope, being 3 to 5 times larger per capita than similar facilities in the state.. It is not supported by in place infrastructure. It would burden the police in any kind of emergency. It is a lock-down mental health hospital in a too small town near homes and schools. It is not a local project which the developer has stated will be sold upon completion.

Please understand this is not a case of "Not In My Backyard" for a mental health facility. It is that this particular project is completely out of scale for a town the size of Templeton, which simply cannot support it in infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Tucker
Jim Peterson
3000 White Oak Rd
Templeton, CA 93465

From: [Ruth Bluske](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility, Templeton
Date: 04/17/2015 03:50 PM

As a long time resident, I submit that this is NOT a suitable location for such a facility. There is plenty of land in "the country" away from homes and offices. Yes, more expensive to build, but well worth the expense to get it away from the high density that already exists in the proposed location.

Ruth Anna Bluske

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From: [Sara Lazier](#)
Reply To: [Sara Lazier](#)
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us; rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; dclarue_air@yahoo.com; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Behavioral Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/17/2015 07:43 AM

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed acute behavioral health facility being pushed on us by out of town developers. As property owners in Templeton, it is very distressing that this facility could be bringing in patients from out of town and out of county to be treated and possibly released without any social services in place to deal with them.

Please share our opposition with all members of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. This is NOT a project that should even be considered for Templeton.

Thank you,
Tim and Sara Lazier

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From: [Thomas Graves](#)
To: hphippis@co.slo.ca.us; rhedges@co.slo.ca.us; fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Behavioral Health Hospital
Date: 04/16/2015 10:36 PM

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ATTACHMENT 9

From: [p Zweifel](#)
Reply To: [p Zweifel](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Behavioral Health Facility Proposed for Templeton
Date: 04/16/2015 07:39 PM

Dear Ms. Phipps,

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Our son began to have serious mental health issues when he was 14 years old. Our County Mental Health Department did not have the necessary space to keep our son separated from the adults who were being treated as inpatients there. We had to travel to the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital in Los Angeles to get help for him. It was so hard to leave him so far away and every visit took 7 hours driving round trip. It was a heartbreaking time for our family.

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Sincerely,

Pamela Zweifel
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ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Anita Konopa](#)
To: [rhedges@co.slo.ca.us](#); [dclaureair@yahoo.com](#); [fmecham@co.slo.ca.us](#); [darnold@co.slo.ca.us](#); [hphipp@co.slo.ca.us](#)
Subject: Strongly Against Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/16/2015 07:35 PM

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Thank you,
Anita Konopa

From: [Pat Stanhope](#)
To: [hphipps@co.slo.ca.us](#); [fmecham@co.slo.ca.us](#); [rhedges@co.slo.ca.us](#); [darnold@co.slo.ca.us](#); [Nanette@soaringegalepress.com](#)
Subject: Psychiatric Health Facility Templeton
Date: 04/16/2015 06:21 PM

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P.S. tell the politicians to wake up, keep their hands off our water, trash the high speed rail and build water storage reservoirs.

Pat

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ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Kevin Brehm](#)
To: [darnold@co.slo.ca.us](#); [fmacham@co.slo.ca.us](#); [rhedges@co.slo.ca.us](#); [hhipps@co.slo.ca.us](#)
Subject: PLEASE Support the proposed Psychiatric Facility
Date: 04/16/2015 04:07 PM

To everyone,

I am not going to write a long email. I am writing you requesting that you SUPPORT the proposed psychiatric health facility in Templeton. I live one block away on Dolores Lane and I have NO FEAR of "loonies". The people spreading propaganda against this project are classic fear mongering, NIMBY overreactionists. This facility will provide jobs for the community and reduce driving time for family and loved ones with issues that can be helped by this facility. I agree mental illness has a stigma attached to it but it should not. Please SUPPORT this project

Respectfully,

Kevin and Linda Brehm
615 Dolores Lane
Templeton

From: [Carol Bowery](#)
To: [hphipps@co.slo.ca.us](#); [rhedges@co.slo.ca.us](#); [dclarue_air@yahoo.com](#); [fmechan@co.slo.ca.us](#); [darnold@co.slo.ca.us](#)
Subject: Large Scale Psychiatric Health Facility
Date: 04/16/2015 02:35 PM

My husband and I live on the corner of Mockingbird Lane and Las Tablas in Templeton.

We are not NIMBY's but living on this busy corner we can't imagine Las Tablas taking any more traffic impact. Driving past the hospital and medical centers now is very slow going due to all the traffic, it will end up being a bottleneck with anything of this size going in. The shift changes and the hospital and parents taking children too and from school is an added impact during the day. Templeton schools do not have busses so the amount of parents in cars is huge.

That is a personal impact to us and to our neighborhood.

On a larger scale, where is all the water going to come from. We find the fact that any building/development permits in our state being let with the drought conditions as they are to be politically motivated to bring in more taxable income without any consideration of the people who live in this beautiful state. We have a mandatory 25% water reduction with the threat of water regulators to allow us only one gallon per hour if we don't comply. This is understandable if we are truly short of water. The fact that this or any building permits would be allowed during an extreme drought makes no sense whatsoever.

Max and Carol Bowery

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From: Lynette Shanahan
To: hphipp@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Psychiatric Hospital
Date: 04/16/2015 01:42 PM

While I am very concerned about this project, I do see a local need but certainly not a 98 bed facility. Our family lives near a Napa facility. There are negatives and positives about the hospital. The good points are job creation and patient aid. The bad points are that the patients come with families who bring their own set of community problems and extra financial assistance..Just the families alone place an undue strain on community resources. I do have a concern for the less fortunate folks but I think a facility needs to be located WHERE the population it serves is.
Thank you, John and Lynette Shanahan

Sent from my iPhone

ATTACHMENT 9

From: [Kris Hendricks](#)
To: hphipps@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us; darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: Proposed Behavioral Health Facility in Templeton
Date: 04/11/2015 04:49 PM

Hi there,

I am writing in support of the new behavioral health facility proposed to be built in Templeton. A facility of this kind is desperately needed in our county to serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens who are experiencing acute mental health issues and need intensive inpatient care. There is no facility of this kind in our county and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need.

Please do everything you can to help this hospital get built!

Thank you,
Kris Hendricks

April 1, 2015

Dear Supervisor and Legislative Assistants,

I am writing in support of the new behavioral health facility proposed to be built in Templeton. A facility of this kind is desperately needed in our county to serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens who are experiencing acute mental health issues and need intensive in patient care. There is no facility of this 'kind' in our county and as a result our loved ones must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need.

We have four very good family friends that have boys with mental disabilities, so we do understand there is a great need for a facility in this area.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Wilson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop for the 'D' and a long, sweeping tail for the 'n'.

Denise Wilson
2090 Laguna Negra Ln
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420



April 3, 2015

Holly Phipps, Room 300

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department

976 Osos Street #200

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Ms. Phipps,

One of our employees, who resides in Nipomo, brought to our attention the proposed 96 bed acute psychiatric care facility in Templeton. We would like to give our complete support for this urgently needed facility for the following reasons:

1. This employee now must transport his son 118 miles to Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital in Ventura, which takes 2-3 hours, depending on traffic. His son has stayed at this hospital for twelve days on his first visit and five days on the second. The parents drove back and forth every day.
2. When Aurora Vista is full, they would then be required to travel to Santa Rosa or Covina for the closest hospital. Templeton Hospital would only be 50 miles away.
3. During the past six months, our church, located in Arroyo Grande, has had two women commit suicide. A local psychiatric care facility might have saved their lives.

Please give your approval to this project as the Central Coast is in dire need of a new and up to date psychiatric care facility.

Yours Respectfully,

Richard Melsheimer

Owner

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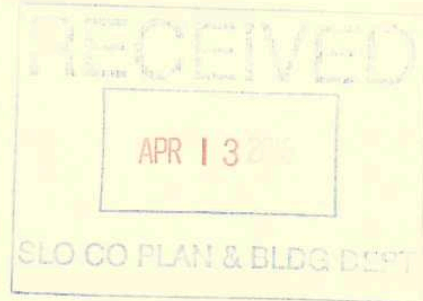
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April 7, 2015

Ms. Holly Phipps
SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos Street, Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408



Dear Ms. Phipps:

Today I watched a presentation on the Behavioral Health Facility being planned for Templeton. I have long been aware of the need for a facility such as this in our county because I have family members and friends with bi-polar syndrome.

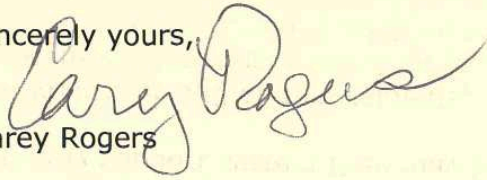
Many of our elder residents suffer from depression and very few places to go for treatment or care. Children who have experienced abuse and neglect have nowhere to go! Sending them out of the county away from any support system they may have is just unacceptable.

Last year over 350 of our residents, many of them children, were sent to treatment facilities in Los Angeles, Santa Rosa, San Mateo, Ventura and Santa Barbara. So in addition to suffering from an illness, they are being denied the comfort and love of family members who could perhaps assist in their recovery.

Our county has only 16 beds – for adults only – to serve a population of 270,000. This facility will provide 20 beds for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years; and 21 beds for children ages 13 to 18. Probably still not enough, but it's better than nothing!

Please, please do everything you can to help this hospital get built.

Sincerely yours,


Carey Rogers

cc: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us fmecham@co.slo.ca.us darnold@co.slo.ca.us



Proposed Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton

Ida Dutra

to:

hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

04/17/2015 02:11 PM

Cc:

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Ida Dutra

Templeton Resident



March 31, 2015

Planning & Building Department
San Luis Obispo County
976 Osos Street #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Attention: Holly Phipps, Room #300

Dear Ms. Phipps,

I am writing in support of the proposed Memory Care and Behavioral Health Facility proposed in the North County Medical Center in Templeton, California.

The project will create construction jobs for local contractors during the building phase and will ultimately employ more than 200 people including many highly specialized health care professionals. The multi-disciplinary approach will employ registered nurses, clinical social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, and other specialists appropriate to patient care. This will be a terrific long term financial benefit to our county.

I have heard concerns regarding the behavioral health facility. This is a secure, private-pay facility. Half of the patients will be pediatric and adolescents, and the other half will be adults, especially veterans and geriatric patients, with mental health issues. The plans are for a secure facility to treat patients with depression, anxiety disorders, suicidal thoughts, schizophrenia, social phobias, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in veterans, eating disorders, and attention deficit /hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children. Under a contract with the Veterans Administration, there will be a strong program to serve veterans. This will not be a facility to treat criminals but will treat ordinary citizens with the mental health issues described above. The hospital will contract with private insurance, managed care companies, Medicare, retired military plans such as TriCare (formerly CHAMPUS), VA Choice and TriWest, the agency handling those cases.

From my position at the Builders Exchange for the past 20+ years, I have seen the need first hand to help our veterans. Many of them end up in construction. It takes a very patient employer to help them work through their issues. This hospital would be a tremendous help for them. They are part of our community and deserving of our support.

Ms. Holly Phipps
Planning and Building Department
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The Memory Care and Behavioral Health Facility have both obtained "Will Serve" letters for water, sewer, and fire service from the Templeton Community Services District. An extensive traffic study has been completed which addresses issues and mitigation. Because of the intensive therapy in the psychiatric facility, visitors will be limited, which should not cause any traffic impacts.

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I hope you will give this application a fair and unbiased review. From a land use planning standpoint, I believe it meets all the criteria for approval. It will benefit our county by bringing in good high-paying jobs, skilled professionals, and a much-needed medical resource for local residents suffering mental health problems. I cannot think of a better place to locate such a facility.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Very truly yours,

LESLIE HALLS
Executive Director
San Luis Obispo County Builders Exchange

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Please share our opposition with all members of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. This is NOT a project that should even be considered for Templeton.

Thank you,
Tim and Sara Lazier



Psychiatric Health Facility

Ruth Bluske

to:

rhedges

04/17/2015 03:35 PM

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From: Ruth Bluske <rabluske@wildblue.net>

To: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

As a long time resident, I submit that this is NOT a suitable location for such a facility. There is plenty of land in "the country" away from homes and offices. Yes, more expensive to build, but well worth the expense to get it away from the high density that already exists in the proposed location.

Ruth Anna Bluske



Proposed Psychiatric Health Facility in Templeton

Ida Dutra

to:

hhipps@co.slo.ca.us

04/17/2015 02:11 PM

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We would like to take this opportunity to express our concern for the proposal of a Psychiatric Health Facility in the heart of our small town of Templeton.

We have lived here for over 35 years and have seen this town grow into a marvelous and safe place to live. Sought by many as the ideal place to live which includes many health care doctors, health facilities, hospital, and a great school district with a wonderful reputation, for our children to attend.

We have many rentals here in Templeton, one of which is directly behind the current hospital. This proposed facility would be a detriment to the safety and well-being of our children, our homeowners, and the large number of renters that reside in this little town.

Please note our objection to this facility being in such close proximity to all of the above.

Sincerely,

Gwen and Harvey Hunt

Gwen and Harvey Hunt
P.O. Box 66
Templeton, CA 93465-0066

434-2171

April 20, 2015

Holly Phipps
SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos St. #220
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Ms Phipps,

My wife and I have lived in Templeton for eight years. We are urging you to please seriously consider the concerns voiced by the Templeton Community at the recent community meetings in November 2014 and recommendations made by the Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) concerning the proposed large-scale psychiatric health facility and give a "**No Vote**" when determining the feasibility of this project to proceed.

There are a number of reasons to deny approval:

- This facility would put a burden on both the *Volunteer* Fire Department and small County Sheriff substation Law Enforcement to keep our community safe.
- Local physicians have also voiced their concerns against the project.
- There is a lack of Social Services or infrastructure to serve patients once released.

We do feel a psychiatric facility is needed in San Luis Obispo County, however, the location should be well planned with each of these concerns being considered.

Sincerely,

Barbara and Joseph Baranek
1420 Templeton Hills Rd.
Templeton, CA 93465

SLO County Planning & Building Department

Regarding the propped development of a LARGE-SCALE health facility in Templeton.

As a long time Templeton resident I have a number of VERY VALID concerns regarding this development and its purported FAST TRACK approval.

Please could you point me in the direction of the following so I can review these listed documents.

- A Business Plan and Feasibility Study specific to SLO County
- A Traffic Study that is in line with a facility of that size, given the size of the facility not any previous ones
- A TOTAL Environmental Impact Report including,
 - An Environmental Protection Study of Toad Creek in accordance with the Templeton Design Plan
 - A copy of Stormwater Drainage and Retention of al stormwater on the property (per County Regulations)
- A Parking and Security Plan for the facility given its proposed use
- A Security plan on what happens to the Hospital and community in the case of a Security Crisis of this **Lockdown Facility**
- A breakdown of how many local jobs will be created through the lifetime of the project (Construction and Residential)

I'm sure you are all aware of the recent crime study that came out listing Atascadero as one of the highest crime areas in the WHOLE of the UNITED STATES, do you want another community in your/our jurisdiction (Templeton) to follow along in their footsteps, and deal with the subsequent fall out from, I think NOT.

If this facility goes ahead and has as many beds as Twin Cities Hospital working on a 5 to 14 treatment cycle, that would lead me to believe about 3250 – 6500 patients per year. Given that Templeton has an approximate population of 7,700 spread over its entire boundary. It seems like we are almost doubling the population of Templeton

Another very prominent issue is SECURITY. How can I feel safe letting my children (and future children) walk to school (NO School Busses) and play at the park at the bottom of the street if a facility like this gets approved.

Where are the Local jobs in all of this?

After all, is this why families move to Templeton, Small Town loving community knowing that: they, their children and possessions with be **SAFE**

A Very Concerned Templeton Resident and Parent

Ian Herdman

1426 Marbella Lane

Templeton CA 93465

April 20, 2015

SLO County Planning & Building Dept.
976 Osos St., #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300

Dear Ms. Phipps,

I am writing to express my concern for the Behavioral Health Hospital Facility proposed in Templeton. As a resident of Templeton, I do not see any benefit to the community with the proposed Facility in an already congested area of our small town. Templeton does not have the resources to support a project such as this and I believe locating this in Templeton is wrong. Our community will suffer if this project is approved. Furthermore, I cannot stand behind a project of this magnitude that uses an out-of-town developer and architect. These people have no interest in this community other than to come in, make a quick buck, and leave.

I trust our local leadership will take a long and hard look at this proposed project, recognize the problems associated with this, and do the right thing by denying the application.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (805) 226-9292.

Regards,



William Wolkoff
3561 Ridge Road
Templeton, CA 93465

CC: County Planning Commission - rhedges@co.slo.ca.us
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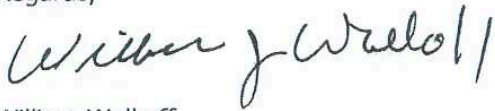
Dear Ms. Phipps,

I am writing to express my concern for the Behavioral Health Hospital Facility proposed in Templeton. As a resident of Templeton, I do not see any benefit to the community with the proposed Facility in an already congested area of our small town. Templeton does not have the resources to support a project such as this and I believe locating this in Templeton is wrong. Our community will suffer if this project is approved. Furthermore, I cannot stand behind a project of this magnitude that uses an out-of-town developer and architect. These people have no interest in this community other than to come in, make a quick buck, and leave.

I trust our local leadership will take a long and hard look at this proposed project, recognize the problems associated with this, and do the right thing by denying the application.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (805) 226-9292.

Regards,



William Wolkoff
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the new behavioral health facility proposed to be built in Templeton. A facility of this kind is desperately needed in our county to serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens who are experiencing acute mental health issues and need intensive inpatient care. There is no facility of this kind in our county and as a result our community members must travel great distances to receive the treatment they need.

I have been a nurse in this community for more than 7 years serving both the ER and ICU populations. I am also a local, born at Twin Cities Hospital and raised in Atascadero where I currently reside. As a health care professional I see first hand the devastation untreated mental illness has on families, communities and the health care system. None of us are exempt from these effects whether we like to believe it or not. With the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reporting that one in four persons are expected to experience a mental health diagnosis in their lifetime the reality is that we are all affected by the lack of resources and care this population receives in our county. Without creating a safe and efficient treatment area that can provide competent and comprehensive care to patients suffering from mental illness the rest of our health care system (including ERs and inpatient hospital beds) becomes saturated and unable to provide our community with the care it deserves.

We presently have 16 beds in our county to serve a population of 270,000 people. This is clearly not enough. We have an opportunity to build a facility in our county to serve the needs of the people who live here and need help. Please do everything you can to help this hospital get built!

Sincerely,
Lisa Randolph, RN



Psychiatric Health Facility Proposal: Templeton

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From: <frmjeri2u@aol.com>

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Dear Ms. Hedges,

As a resident of Templeton, I am writing to STRONGLY discourage you from regarding the proposed psychiatric health facility as a favorable, viable project in my community.

As a homeowner who lives off of Las Tablas Road, and within a mile of the proposed facility, I am astounded by the logically unsound, repetitive comments about this project being a good fit within the 'medical corridor' of Templeton. Yes, we have medical facilities within our community district, but that is a far cry from being a destination provider of medical services; specifically, an exceptionally large scale psychiatric facility that is primarily designed to serve patients not local to our community.

The proposal is a poor fit, and should be denied. Templeton is a bedroom community with minimal support infrastructure, and as a person who walks daily, I can attest to the lack of transportation services (we no longer even have bus services for our school age children) that impact the number of children who use Las Tablas Road, twice a day, to get to both the elementary school and the high school. Couple that with the existing Park and Ride, also on Las Tablas Road, which houses one of our only RTA bus stops, and you have a spot which will encourage loitering. (At approximately 500 yards away from the proposed facility, it is the nearest place for individuals to congregate to if they are released without a ride, unless, of

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course, they choose to walk to Bethel Park which is less than 750 yards away).

Mark my words. That IS what will happen. I live here. I know. (Amazing what you see when you get out of your car and are part of daily life here.)

I'm curious. Can you guarantee the safety of residents who will be forced to pass by the facility and its patients as they are, by virtue of Templeton's roads, herded down THE ONLY path between Las Tablas Road West and Las Tablas Road East?

The residents of Templeton stand to be impacted negatively by the proposed psychiatric facility. This isn't about eye exams or broken bones or hearing tests, this is about mental health issues so significant that they may require inpatient treatment. A community services district of less than 11,000 residents is not the place for such a facility.

I recognize that the proposed psychiatric health facility is intended to be dumped in our community not because it's in Templeton's best interests to have it here, but because the developer is hoping for a return on his investment at Templeton's expense.

Do not make the mistake of approving this project.

Thank you for your time.

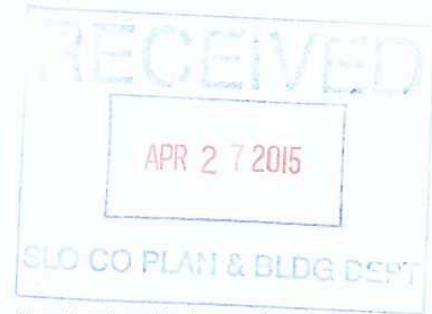
Sincerely,

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April 21, 2015

SLO County Planning and Building Dept.
976 Osos Street, #200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
Attn: Holly Phipps, Room 300



I am absolutely opposed to the proposed large-scale psychiatric health facility that is to be located in the residential area of Templeton.

The proposed facility would be located blocks from my home. As a 90 year-old woman, living alone, I would fear for my safety and would no longer feel secure in my own home.

In addition to safety concerns, I am concerned about the affect such a high-volume facility for mental patients would have on nearby homes, parks, schools, traffic, and property values.

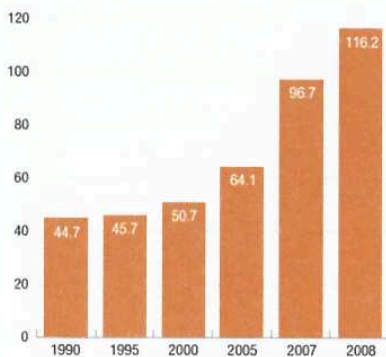
Templeton has a small force of law officers, a volunteer fire department and no social services or infrastructure to support such patients.

I came to live in Templeton to enjoy the small town ambience; the safety and security afforded by a town supporting a population of 7,700 and the peace of mind one should be able to enjoy in their "golden years". The addition of 3,250 to 6,500 mental health patients, not to mention the family or friends that may visit, cycling through each year will destroy the town of Templeton as we have known it and rob each of its citizens of the safety, security and enjoyment they grew up with or purposely moved here to enjoy.

I have no doubt that many of the residents of Templeton, will seriously contemplate leaving the area if this project is approved. I include myself in this group.

Atascadero has had a mental health hospital since 1954. Violence is on the rise at the hospital, and according to state and federal documents, it's gotten worse since 2006 — the same year the state signed an agreement with the federal government to put in a detailed new treatment plan. The new treatment plan was supposed to make things better but violence has risen at three of the four hospitals covered by the treatment plan. At Atascadero, it's gone up 36 percent.

Aggressive incidents per 100 patients



Source: Report for U.S. Justice Department; California Department of Mental Health
Credit: Alyson Hurt/NPR

I realize a "treatment facility" differs from a mental health hospital, but not by much. The only thing that separates one patient from the other is one violent crime. Mental health patients are an inherently dangerous population, capable of violence at any time. How will this county protect the employees of this treatment facility? How will the county protect the citizens of this town?

If a mental health treatment facility is really needed, why would it not be located within a city that has shown it can cope with the needs and obligations of such a facility? Atascadero may be a better location for the proposed construction. Templeton certainly isn't prepared or financially capable of handling the burdens that will result from the population of mental health patients and their families.

Sincerely,



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April 21, 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been a resident of Templeton with my husband for 9 years. We are raising two children, ages 6 and 3 years old. I am writing this letter to voice my concern about the proposed Behavioral Health Hospital in Templeton. I was very surprised to learn that this facility may still be approved after it was very clear that the residents of Templeton, as well as the Templeton Area Advisory Group, had many valid concerns about this project.

I would like you to know that I am in no way against providing help for the mentally ill. I have family members who are bi-polar, schizophrenic, and many who suffer from anxiety, including myself. I believe that mental health is every bit as important as physical health. That being said, I feel that building this type of facility in Templeton would be putting these patients at a disadvantage and setting them up for failure, while at the same time, putting residents at risk. Templeton is a very small community that lacks the social services and infrastructure that many of these patients would desperately need once their hospital stay ends. Let's be realistic about what will happen if this hospital is built. They will accept 5150 patients and they will accept them from other counties. What will these patients do after their release? There is no homeless shelter, no half-way house, no social services. That right there is a huge red flag. It makes me wonder if Templeton was specifically chosen because of the fact that we are a community, not a city, and it's easier for projects like this to be pushed through.

I would also like to point out that back when this project was made public I decided to research Vizion Health. That research led me to a webpage that only provided a phone number. In this day and age, I find that to be unacceptable and very questionable. At the meetings that were held back in November, the CEO of Vizion Health seemed very unprepared for the many valid concerns the residents of Templeton had for him. He even flat out chose to not answer when a resident asked him if he would like to have this type of facility so close to where his children walked to school.

Templeton is a one of a kind town with so many wonderful people. This facility has really stirred the pot and forced some uncomfortable conversations for many, but we can all agree that the treatment of mental health is important. However, providing a place for these patients to go upon release is equally important and seems to be

overlooked by so many. Templeton just does not have the resources these patients will need. Let's not forget that Templeton only has a volunteer Fire Department and no local police.

I beg of you to use common sense with this project. Why is the owner/developer trying so hard to built this project in Templeton? Why not seek out another site that will benefit the patient to the fullest extent?

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Best Regards,

Vanessa Tolley

To whom it may concern:

4/22/15

There is a project scheduled to break ground in 2015 that I am both deeply concerned about and I highly oppose it in my town.

There is a large scale psychiatric health facility being proposed in my residential neighborhood of Templeton, CA 93465.

This project will impact our community in several areas.

1. This will lower my property value
2. Transient mental health patients will influx here from other counties.
3. This increases risk for public safety.
4. Released patients will end up being homeless on the streets of Templeton increasing risk and safety to residents of Templeton.
5. Increased traffic congestion in an area already congested enough. Las Tablas is the only road to get to the hospital and a lot of medical offices for residents of Templeton and surrounding areas. A 96 bed facility requires a lot of staff who will be commuting to work in an already way too congested area.
6. Increased burden on our already record low water tables. Where is the water going to come from for this large facility for staff and patients? That is a lot of patients whom will need toilet facilities, bathing facilities. That is also a lot of staff who will require water to clean and cook and wash hands frequently. Frankly, we don't have enough water for this facility to be built.
7. This facility is way too close to homes, parks and our schools.
8. This facility has already said that they will have a high turn-over rate of patients.....most released within 14 days. Where will they be RELEASED? In my backyard with my family? Homeless on our streets and harassing our residents?
9. This will increase homeless and pan-handling and I also believe more illegal drug use will influx our small community of families.

Don't let this happen to our community. We moved to Templeton in 1988 for a reason for the small, safe town that it was.

This Carmel-based land developer is only doing this for money to line his pockets. He has already stated he plans to sell the facility for millions of dollars to a company not involved or responsive to our small community once the facility is completed. This is all about money for him. He is not thinking about the residents of Templeton, CA Let him build this facility in Carmel in HIS backyard so he can deal with all of the repercussions of it. Let him allow the

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released patients to live on the streets in HIS backyard. Let HIS hometown have an influx of traffic, increased water/sewer bills and illegal drugs on HIS streets.

Please do NOT allow this facility to be built in our community. It is a really bad idea for so many reasons. It is not right for this community. And with California so low on water quite frankly, it is not right for anywhere in our state at this time. We do not need to add to the water shortage. We've been asked to CONSERVE, CONSERVE, CONSERVE. Then we were forced to decrease landscaping watering to alternate days. Then our rates increased! WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WATER! STOP THE BUILDING!

FUTHERMORE THERE ARE 400 HOMES BEING BUILT IN TEMPLETON WHERE THE OLD STOCK YARDS WERE ON MAIN STREET. WHERE IS THAT WATER COMING FROM? NEW CONSTRUCTION AND NEW RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO BLEED US COMPLETELY DRY. STOP THE NEW CONSTRUCTION. WHO THE HELL IS APPROVING ALL THIS? AND WHY?

Sincerely,

Deborah Constantine

A concerned resident of Templeton, CA